

Questions

included for Canada Ambassador Charles S. A. Ritchie, Louis Raminsky, governor of the Bank of Canada, Wynne Plumptre, assistant deputy minister of finance, and A. E. Ritchie, assistant under secretary of state for external affairs; for the United States Douglas Dillon, secretary of the treasury, George Ball, under secretary of state, Robert V. Roosa, under secretary of the treasury for monetary affairs, and Stanley Surrey, assistant secretary of the treasury.

CIVIL SERVICE COMPETITION 63-P-ID-68

Question No. 1,456—Mr. Bell:

Was civil service promotional competition No. 63-P-ID-68 for branch administrative officers in the Department of Industry open only to employees appointed by the civil service commission and, if so, why were these appointments for a new department not made available to other government employees such as those employed in crown corporations?

Mr. Pickersgill: I have been given the following answer by the civil service commission:

Yes. This closed competition was open only to employees appointed by the civil service commission. Before conducting a closed competition the commission, pursuant to section 34 of the act, is required to determine the division or branch of the public service and the class or grade of position, if any, in which prospective candidates must be employed in order to be eligible for appointment. When determining the area of this competition the commission based its decision on previous experience, which indicated that the response should be sufficient if it were restricted to employees who have been appointed by the civil service commission, and on the need for filling these new positions at the earliest possible date.

BANK STATISTICS

Question No. 1,469—Mr. Caouette:

1. What was the value of goods and services produced for each of the last five years?

2. What was the actual cash in the hands of the chartered banks of Canada for each of the last five years?

3. What was the amount of the bank notes of the Bank of Canada in circulation for each of the last five years?

4. What was the amount of the deposit liabilities of the chartered banks for each of the last five years?

5. What was the amount of the general loans made by the chartered banks for each of the last five years?

6. What was the total paid up capital of the chartered banks for each of the last five years?

Mr. Pickersgill: 1. Gross national product (millions of dollars): 1958, 36,048; 1959, 38,430; 1960, 39,437; 1961, 40,511; 1962, 43,646.

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The figures requested appear in the monthly statement of assets and liabilities of the chartered banks published

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by the Department of Finance and in the monthly statistical summary published by the Bank of Canada.

R.C.A.F. TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIMS

Question No. 1,471—Mr. Matheson:

1. Are officers of transport command of the Royal Canadian Air Force still subject to the detailed rules with respect to control and review of travel expense claims as criticized on page 166 of volume II of the Glassco commission report and, if so, what specific information is presently required under treasury board rules as defined by the comptroller of the treasury's office in connection with hotel and other travel expense claims?

2. Has the Royal Canadian Air Force received complaints to the effect (a) that such a method of presenting claims is time consuming and uneconomical, and (b) that in certain foreign countries R.C.A.F. officers are compelled to seek accommodation unbefitting a serving officer of Canada, if they seek to come within the scale allowed by treasury board officials?

3. If the answer to (1) is yes, is the government giving consideration to making control of R.C.A.F. travel expense claims a departmental responsibility?

Answer: 1. Officers of transport command are subject to the same directions as all officers of the forces in respect to travel claims. These directions are set out in the Queen's regulations for the Royal Canadian Air Force. Normally the costs of accommodation and meals are covered by a per diem rate. Where this rate is unsuitable the minister may authorize a higher per diem rate or actual expenses for accommodation and meals in accordance with the public service travel regulations. In this case receipts for accommodation must be submitted and costs of meals must be listed. No change has been made since publication of part II of the Glassco commission report.

2. (a) Yes, as to the necessity of seeking headquarters approval of special rates or actual expenses.

(b) No.

3. Subject to the directions contained in the Queen's regulations this is now a departmental responsibility. A review is being made of the travel regulations applicable to the public service under the direction of the treasury board and when this is completed, the regulations applicable to the forces will be examined in the light of any changes made in the public service regulations.

COST OF MENTAL ILLNESS

Question No. 1,477—Mr. Orlikow:

1. What is the direct cost of mental illness in Canada for the last year for which figures are available including hospital care, medical care, and medication?

2. What is the indirect cost of mental illness in Canada for the last year for which figures are available as a result of loss of earnings by patients in hospitals and patients from industry?