

### Questions

6. Halifax, 1645 Granville Street. Montreal, 1441 St. Urbain Street; 305 Dorchester Street. Toronto, 55 St. Clair Avenue West; 175 Bedford Road. Winnipeg, 266 Graham Avenue. Vancouver, 549 Howe Street; 1001 West Pender Street; 325 Granville Street.

7. Halifax, not applicable. Montreal, no cost to the Department as space occupied was in Crown-owned building. Toronto, 55 St. Clair Avenue West—no cost to the Department as space occupied was in Crown-owned building; 175 Bedford Road—approximately 5,793 sq. ft. at an approximate cost of \$14,440. per annum. Winnipeg, no cost to the Department as space occupied was in a Crown-owned building. Vancouver, the costs of space previously occupied are unknown because of the split operations with the Unemployment Insurance Commission. No costs were involved at two locations as space occupied was in Crown-owned buildings. Costs for the third building are not obtainable.

8. Halifax, not applicable. Montreal, refurbishing, \$5,000; remodelling, structural costs unknown—included in rental rate; moving, \$4,000. Toronto, refurbishing, \$15,369.75; remodelling, \$52,150; moving, \$1,935. Winnipeg, refurbishing, \$22,000; remodelling, \$16,000; moving, \$1,270. Vancouver, refurbishing, \$5,399.; remodeling, \$53,277.32; moving, \$4,000.

### PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS

#### Question No. 1,576—**Mr. Fairweather:**

Can public servants (including teachers) working in the Northwest Territories participate in federal and territorial elections and, if not, when will this privilege be extended?

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: A person employed in that part of the Public Service of Canada to which the Public Service Commission has the exclusive right and authority to appoint may, upon application to the Commission, be granted leave of absence without pay pursuant to Section 32 (3) of the Public Service Employment Act to seek nomination as a candidate and to be a candidate for election as a member of the House of Commons, of a provincial legislature or of the Council of the Yukon Territory or the Northwest Territories. The Commission must be satisfied, however, that the employee's usefulness to the Public Service in the position he occupies will not be impaired by reason of his having been a candidate in such an election. Since the Act came into force in 1967, three public servants from the Yukon Territory have applied for and been given leave of absence to seek nomination and to be candidates in federal and territorial elections.

### PREMIER PRODUCTS COMPANY LIMITED, PREECEVILLE, SASKATCHEWAN

#### Question No. 1,577—**Mr. Burton:**

Has Premier Products Company Limited of Preeceville, Saskatchewan, applied for an extension of either the commencement date or completion date of its proposed processing facility at Humboldt, Saskatchewan, for which an industrial incentive

[Mr. Lang.]

was announced on June 23, 1970 and, if so (a) on what date was such application made (b) what were the original stipulations for commencement and completion of the project in order to qualify for the grant (c) has the application for an extension been granted (d) what are the new dates applicable?

**Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Yes. (a) April 19, 1971; (b) Construction to begin on or before May 31, 1971; (c) Yes. (d) Construction to begin by November 30, 1971.

### FLORENCE AGREEMENT

#### Question No. 1,578—**Mr. Fairweather:**

1. How many countries have joined the "Florence Agreement" sponsored by UNESCO?
2. Is Canada a participant and, if not, when is it expected that Canada will be a signatory?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. The United Nations lists 63 countries for which the "Florence Agreement" on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials has entered into force.

2. Canada is not a signatory of the "Florence Agreement". Canada has not signed the Agreement because it has not been considered to be in Canada's interest to abandon the limited protection afforded domestic producers against imports of certain educational, scientific and cultural materials as long as important trading partners maintained barriers against Canadian exports of these materials. Canada does impose small duty on such imports but other countries, even where no tariffs are maintained, continue to limit imports from Canada of these materials by the use of stringent non tariff barriers. In any event the question of Canada's accession is under continuous review in the light of changing conditions in trade and in the light of the report submitted on March 23, 1971, by the Economic Council, based on its intensive study of aspects of cultural property.

### NATIONAL DEFENCE—AERODROME, DEBERT, N.S.

#### Question No. 1,579—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What department has control over the aerodrome at Debert, Nova Scotia?
2. What agencies have permission to operate from this aerodrome?
3. Were road races authorized on this airfield on July 25, 1971, and, if so, by whom?
4. Does the responsible department propose to relinquish control of this aerodrome in the near future and, if so, to what interest?
5. What charges, if any, does the government levy against organizations for the use of this aerodrome?
6. Is it still possible for private operators to obtain permission to use the Debert airfield and (a) if so, from whom (b) if not, for what reason?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** 1. Department of National Defence.

2. None.

3. Yes, by the Camp Commander.