

Questions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

IMMIGRANTS—POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Question No. 160—Mr. Christian:

1. Is the political affiliation of each immigrant known before admitted to Canada; if so, how many communists were permitted entry and from what countries, during the past two years?

2. What is the medical requirement of each immigrant before permitted entry?

Answer by: Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):

1. The political affiliation of each immigrant is not known. Persons seeking admission to Canada as immigrants are examined, to ensure that they are not prohibited from entry under the provisions of section 5 of the Immigration Act by reason of the fact that they belong to subversive organizations.

2. Every immigrant seeking entry to Canada must satisfy the examining officer that he or she is in good health, mentally and physically and is not a medically prohibited person as defined in section 5 of the Immigration Act.

C.B.C. PROGRAM "FIGHTING WORDS"

Question No. 297—Mr. Hansell:

1. For what period of time has the program "Fighting Words" been a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation feature and how many individual programs have been produced?

2. What has been the total cost?

3. How much of this cost has involved expenses and emolument to those taking part, exclusive of the chairman?

4. Is Nathan Cohen a salaried employee or what is his exact status with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation?

Answer by: Hon. G. C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation advises:

1. The television series of "Fighting Words" programs was commenced on December 30, 1952, and has continued at intervals since then. There were 198 programs in this series up to and including December 15, 1957.

The radio series which is usually a re-broadcast of the sound portion of the television series was commenced on April 13,

1954, and there were 138 programs in this series up to and including December 10, 1957.

2. The estimated total cost for both the television and radio series since the start, including estimates of staff, facilities and overhead charges, as well as direct costs is \$201,000.

3. \$58,000.

4. Nathan Cohen is not a salaried employee of the corporation. His services are used on a per occasion or fee basis.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, QUEBEC

Question No. 319—Mr. LaCroix:

1. How many persons were unemployed in the Quebec district at the beginning of January, 1957 and 1958?

2. How many persons were unemployed in the province of Quebec at the beginning of January, 1957 and 1958, according to the report of the dominion bureau of statistics?

Answer by: Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):

1. The number of persons unemployed in the Quebec district on the dates in question is not known. However, the number of persons registered for employment at the Quebec office of the unemployment insurance commission at January 3, 1957 and at January 2, 1958, was as follows:

January 3, 1957 12,973

January 2, 1958 17,641

2. Latest available data on the number without jobs and seeking work from D.B.S. monthly labour force survey:

November 16, 1957 102,000

November 17, 1956 47,000

SALES TAX, CUT FLOWERS

Question No. 325—Mr. Christian:

1. Has the government considered the removal of sales tax from cut flowers?

2. If so, has a decision been arrived at, and what is the nature of the decision?

Answer by: Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):

1. Representations for the removal of sales tax have been received and are being given the usual careful consideration.

2. Any decision in this matter will be announced in accordance with the usual practices of parliament.