

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell the house if the new appointment to the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism can create such a commotion that it will free both ethnic groups of their frustrations?

[English]

HEALTH AND WELFARE

INQUIRY AS TO STUDY OF SNIFFING OF GLUE, ETC.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The minister recently indicated the difficulty of legislating against the use of glue and other commodities he mentioned at the time. My question to the minister is, has the government made a study of how widespread are these bad habits, and are these habits being carried on openly under some form of camouflage?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, a study is under way at the present time.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I did ask the minister whether these bad habits are being carried on openly under some form of camouflage, and my supplementary question to the minister is whether such ingredients could be sprayed on a flower and sniffed all evening?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that the time allotted for the question period has expired.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I wonder whether the Prime Minister would arrange on another day of the week to have all his ministers present, in view of the fact that there are so many unanswered questions. This is not meant as a reflection upon Your Honour, because I think you have divided the time as fairly as you could, but there are many questions that we have been waiting to ask for some days. I know some ministers are lying around the House of Commons with nothing to do, and if this day could be arranged—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

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Mr. Bell: —we would appreciate it, perhaps some time later this week.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will see to it that next Wednesday all ministers will attempt to be present again.

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, I should like to take this opportunity, if you will be lenient with me, sir, to congratulate the Prime Minister and some of the ministers of his cabinet on wearing today the lapel pins of the province of Prince Edward Island. We hope this is a good sign for the prospects of the causeway to our province. We also hope the fact that only a very small minority of the ministers are wearing the pin is not going to be a bad omen.

Mr. Speaker: Order. On the same point of order perhaps I should allow the hon. member for Cardigan to ask the question that he has been trying to ask for 30 minutes.

TRANSPORT

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAUSEWAY—MEETING WITH DELEGATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Cardigan): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Prime Minister. I should like to ask him whether he did meet earlier today with this distinguished delegation from Prince Edward Island that is presently in the gallery, to discuss the question of the causeway and, if a decision has been reached, would he care to make an announcement?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there will be no announcement made today in view of the time.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

• (3:40 p.m.)

POST OFFICE ACT

AMENDMENTS AFFECTING RATES, ADMINISTRATION, SAVINGS BANK

The house resumed from Tuesday, October 22, consideration of the motion of Mr. Kierans for the second reading of Bill No. C-116, to amend the Post Office Act, and the amendment (page 1623) thereto of Mr. Macquarrie.