

Administration of Justice

[English]

PROCEDURE

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. D. Gordon Blair (Grenville-Carleton) presented the first report of the special committee on procedure of the house and moved that the report be concurred in

Motion agreed to.

[Editor's note: Text of the foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
QUEBEC—PARTICIPATION IN CRIMINAL
INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order in connection with an answer given by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) on October 4, 1968, and which appears on page 795 of *Hansard*.

The Minister of Justice was then answering a question from the member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) who had asked him whether the province of Quebec had been in touch with the Minister of Justice concerning the setting up of a royal commission to examine the spreading of crime across the nation, and I quote:

The minister has not received any request from the province of Quebec to set up a royal commission.

According to newspapers this morning, the Quebec premier, Hon. Jean-Jacques Bertrand, denied the statement of the Minister of Justice, pointing out, as can be read in today's issue of *Montréal-Matin*:

After having recalled that, in a letter dated November 21, 1967, addressed to Mr. Turner, he had personally suggested that the proposed national centre be given the name "Canadian Criminality Information Centre".

Mr. Speaker, my point of order is this: the hon. minister has given out information which led the people to believe that the province of Quebec was not interested in co-operating with the federal government in matters of crime, and that reply is contrary to the documents the minister has on file. I ask the right hon. Prime Minister, in view of the absence of the Minister of Justice, to kindly tell us exactly what the situation is.

[English]

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Since this matter is the responsibility of the Solicitor General perhaps I should deal with

[Mr. Speaker.]

it now. I have read the answer reported in *Hansard* at page 795. It is precisely correct. What is being overlooked by the hon. member is that the newspaper article deals with collaboration and co-operation among police forces. There is excellent working co-operation among the police forces at this time, as stated by the Minister of Justice in the passage of *Hansard* referred to, in which he says:

I can say from experience that the R.C.M.P. are in constant co-operation with provincial and municipal police forces in this country.

The working co-operation is excellent. It is a fact, however, that at the moment the Quebec provincial police are not members of the Canadian criminal intelligence system.

Mr. Valade: That was not my question of privilege. The Minister of Justice implied in this house that the province of Quebec had not shown interest in collaborating with the federal authorities. A spokesman for the Quebec government has stated, according to this morning's newspapers, that on November 26, 1967 a letter was addressed to the Minister of Justice on this question. That is the point I wanted to clear up.

Mr. McIlraith: I must not let that statement go unchallenged. That is not a fact. The minister from Quebec did reply to a letter from the Solicitor General of November 6, and that reply was dated November 21, 1967. That correspondence is in the Solicitor General's office.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

C.N.R. PENSION FUNDS

Question No. 11—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. What was the total amount of money on the books of the pension funds of the Canadian National Railways as at (a) December 31, 1964 (b) December 31, 1965 (c) December 31, 1966 (d) December 31, 1967?

2. What rate of interest does the C.N.R. pay on this money?

3. What amount of interest was credited to the above noted pension funds during the year ending (a) December 31, 1964 (b) December 31, 1965 (c) December 31, 1966 (d) December 31, 1967?

4. What was the total amount paid out of the above noted funds in pensions during the years ending (a) December 31, 1964 (b) December 31, 1965 (c) December 31, 1966 (d) December 31, 1967?