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action being taken by his department and the food and drug directorate on the question of counterfeit drugs? I would bring to his attention, although I suspect that he already knows, that there have been further major seizures from firms involved in placing counterfeit drugs on the Canadian market.

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the hon. member that the department has this latest incident under consideration at the present time, and I hope to be in a position to answer the question more fully next week.

Mr. Forrestall: In considering it I wonder would the minister urge his colleagues in the department to consider seriously early court action about this whole situation. It is now seven or eight months since it started.

Mr. Munro: I would advise the hon. member that the department did take prompt action with respect to the previous incidents. All the counterfeit drugs were immediately removed from the market to our satisfaction. With respect to the latest incident—

Mr. Forrestall: Nobody has been charged.

Mr. Munro: —the basis of the evidence is being assessed to determine whether a charge can be maintained. That is the only reason for the delay.

INDUSTRY**HAMILTON—REPORTED MOVE OF STEEL COMPANY HEAD OFFICE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I have been advised that the Steel Company of Canada is moving its head office from Hamilton to Toronto. Can the minister enlighten us in respect of this matter, has he any information on this?

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I fail to see the immediate urgency of the question. If there is urgency the hon. member might give me notice concerning such urgency; then it could be debated at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think the reason there were so many shouts of "order" is that this does not come under the Department of National Health and Welfare.

[Mr. Forrestall.]

Mr. Speaker: That is also a good point. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre knows that when notice is given to the Chair the question is not necessarily accepted. It must be viewed in the light of the application of the rules generally.

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, this question is directed to the Prime Minister. Is it true that the government has reconsidered its social development tax and decided to lift the \$120 ceiling, and further has decided to introduce a capital gains tax so that some approach to taxation based on even Liberal criteria for taxation justice—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Broadbent: —will be made in 1968?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that the house is currently engaged in discussion of the budget. This is the type of question which the hon. member might well ask when he makes his contribution to the debate.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Postmaster General a question on this particular day in his life when several million people are interested in stamp designs. Has the minister given any thought to changing the existing design of the new stamp and having it edged with black to commemorate increased postal rates and the budget?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

FISHERIES**BRITISH COLUMBIA—LOANS TO INDIANS FOR VESSEL CONSTRUCTION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries. Does the recent proposal to make loans and grants available to B.C. Indians for the construction of fishing vessels conflict with the decision to reduce subsidies on wooden ships?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think the question asked is in order. It would seem to be an argumentative type of question which cannot be accepted.