

Oral Questions

person who has been using the identity and social insurance number of one of my constituents is now in custody in Stratford, Ontario, and inasmuch as the Minister of National Revenue has stated in the House that it is not his responsibility to investigate fraudulent use of social insurance numbers, will the Solicitor General have his officials now investigate the various charges standing in my constituent's name, including outstanding income taxes?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to bring that to the attention of the RCMP, and I will communicate with the hon. member to get more information on the case.

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POST OFFICE

PROPORTION OF EMPLOYEES WORKING ON MECHANICAL SORTING DEVICES RECRUITED FROM WITHIN SERVICE

Mr. Charles E. Haliburton (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Will he indicate to the House in general terms what proportion of the employees working on the mechanical sorting devices now established or to be established in the Post Office have been recruited from within the postal services?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is seeking statistical information which normally ought to be given by way of a statement on motions or in reply to a written question. If there is urgency the matter can be considered at the time of adjournment.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRY POLICY, 1974-75—ASSURANCE THAT PRODUCERS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Since dairy producers have shown, with supporting evidence, that it costs \$10.15 to produce 100 pounds of milk and since they have requested government assistance so that they may enjoy an increased income, can the minister tell the House whether he considers seriously that the new policy, which is effective today and guarantees only \$8.50, is an adequate response to the dairy producers requests and that it will be such as to invite them to remain in business and invite young people to carry on with farming?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is most interesting, but he is inviting the minister to express a view or make a very general statement which, normally, should be done on motions.

[Mr. Kempling.]

[English]

HISTORIC SITES

SUGGEST DECLARATION OF RESIDENCE OF RIGHT HON. L. S. ST. LAURENT IN QUEBEC CITY AS HISTORIC SITE

Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. On a day on which such well deserved tribute has been paid to the late Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent, I wonder whether the minister in his capacity as the minister responsible for national historic sites can advise that the government is now prepared to take over the residence of the former Prime Minister in Quebec City and declare it a national historic site?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada has decided that the best way to honour the memory of the Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent was to buy the house where he was born in Compton. It is not the practice to buy two or three residences of former Prime Ministers.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION IN ROOMING HOUSES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Ron Atkey (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice may I put my question to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the fact that some 13 people have died in rooming house fires in Toronto in the last three months and serious concern has been expressed by municipal administrations over inadequate fire protection in private rooming houses in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto and other Canadian cities, and in view of the fact there was a unanimous request last week by the city of Toronto executive committee that the federal government amend the Criminal Code to make it an offence to maintain a multiple occupancy dwelling without proper fire protection and exits, would the minister indicate whether in any criminal legislation that is to come forward this session there is an amendment planned along these lines?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to bring that question to the minister's attention.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, then the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton, and then call orders of the day.