

Oral Questions

ask the Postmaster General whether he would take the necessary action to ensure that United States social security and civil service pensions will be made available to southern Ontario residents, bearing in mind that many pensioners rely heavily and sometimes solely on these cheques for their livelihood?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I will accept that representation and see what can be done, but there is already an embargo on mail coming in from the United States. However, I will inquire.

● (1200)

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, I have served notice of my intention to raise a question of privilege, regarding whether or not the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) may be misleading the House in respect of the dates when the agreement was reached in cabinet about senior civil servants' salaries. In view of the statement of the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Sharp) that the Prime Minister had checked into this, and in view of the fact that the Prime Minister is not here, I should like to defer this matter until Monday when the Prime Minister is back in the House.

Mr. Speaker: I certainly have no objection to the hon. member deferring it. I do have some advice for the hon. member in respect of the content of his notice which is as follows:

I hereby give notice that I intend to raise a question of privilege today regarding the inconsistency between statements made by the Prime Minister in the House yesterday, and in the House on July 28, 1975, regarding salary increases for senior public servants.

That notice, if it accurately describes the question of privilege, would fly directly in the face of precedent which is, of course, that an inconsistency in a statement made either inside or outside the House is a matter of debate and not a matter of privilege. Therefore, I would caution the hon. member that when the point does arise, I would expect him to be able to persuade me very quickly that there is something distinctive about the question of privilege which he proposes to bring forward.

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order involving a question raised by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath). He made a statement about a comment I had made, stating that I referred to the present Anti-Inflation Board. I referred to the past Food Prices Review Board, and I stand by what I said, that the report was a kooky report. The report contained some facts but omitted many other important facts, etc., and until the board submits a report with everything in it, I will still call it a kooky report, or a kooky board, too.

Mr. Murta: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to bring to the attention of the House the fact that in my constituency in southern Manitoba the Post Office employees in three towns, being Morden, Winkler and Altona, have refused to go on strike. Consequently, the local mail in these areas is still moving. In view of other action that has been taken in the past few weeks generally by Post Office employees, I feel that in this situation this action by these people in southern Manitoba is very commendable. I would hope the House would agree with me

[Mr. Wise.]

that this is a very commendable course of action for these people to follow.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[Translation]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,014, a corrected question, 3,042, 3,079 and 3,163.

[Text]

PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH CROWN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 3,014—Mr. Huntington: (Corrected)

Since 1968, has Mr. Louis Desmarais, Director of Power Corporation of Canada Ltd. been or is he a member, officer, director or in any way whatsoever associated with (a) a Crown corporation (b) the government (c) a department, agency, advisory board, council or committee and, if so (i) what position did he or does he hold (ii) with what corporation, department, agency, advisory board, council or committee (iii) between what dates (iv) was the position attained by appointment, contest, promotion or through a personnel agency (v) if by appointment, by whom or by what authority was he appointed?

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): (i) Member, (ii) Montreal Port Authority, (iii) December 15, 1971, to date, (iv) Appointment, (v) Minister of Transport, Vice-Chairman, Canada Development Corporation appointed by Governor in Council (see sections 4 and 5, CDC Act).

SMALL CRAFT HARBOURS

Question No. 3,042—Mr. Marshall:

1. What progress has been made in the Small Craft Harbour Programme for 1975-76 with regard to the following projects in Western Newfoundland (a) Port Saunders (b) Castor River North (c) Port aux Choix (d) Crabbe's River (e) Fishels (f) Old House Rocks (g) Fox Island River (h) Bank Head Cove (i) Flat Bay (j) Daniel's Harbour (k) Stephenville Crossing (l) Trout River (m) Forrester's Point (n) Rocky Harbour (o) Cow Head?

2. Will any of the projects not completed or in process be delayed as a result of budgetary restraints?

Mr. George Baker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Fisheries)): 1. (a) Service Center Wharf, 100 per cent completed; (b) Wharf Extension, 80 per cent completed; (c) Longliner Wharf, 20 per cent completed; (d) Dredging, Contract awarded May 27/75; (e) Engine & Winch, Deferred; (f) Engine & Winch, Deferred; (g) Landing Wharf, 100 per cent completed; (h) Engine & Winch, Deferred; (i) Engine & Winch, Deferred; (j) Fishermans Wharf, Deferred; (k) Engine & Winch, Deferred; (l) Breakwater Repairs, Contract awarded June 26/75; (m) Wharf Repairs, Deferred; (n) Wharf Repairs, Will be done this summer; (o) Breakwater Repairs, Contract awarded June 25/75.