

Mr. Beatty: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to accede to the request of my colleagues to explain my bill. The purpose of this bill is to allow evidence of a criminal conviction to be admitted in a subsequent civil action founded on the same facts. Such evidence was held to be inadmissible by the English Court of Appeal in the 1943 case of *Hollington v. Hewthorn*. Although Canadian courts have not applied the rule uniformly in this country, it poses a potential obstacle to evidence which is both relevant and of substantial probative value.

● (1612)

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 129, 318, 353, 427, 495, 496, 499, 515, 696, 722 and 760.

[Text]

CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF YOUTH AND SPORT

Question No. 129—**Mr. Jones:**

To the knowledge of the government, is there a conference in Britain comparable to the Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport from the French-speaking states to which Canada could send English representatives and, if so, in what manner are representatives chosen?

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport): In so far as the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport is concerned: No.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Question No. 318—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Has the Machinery and Equipment Advisory Board obtained (a) part-time (b) full-time employees from private employment agencies in (i) British Columbia (ii) Alberta (iii) Saskatchewan (iv) Manitoba (v) Ontario (vi) Quebec (vii) New Brunswick (viii) Nova Scotia (ix) Prince Edward Island (x) Newfoundland and, if so, in each case, how many?

2. Are such employees paid from supplementary estimates and, if not, from what estimates are they paid?

3. By province, what was the (a) average hourly rate paid to employment agencies (b) average hourly rate paid to employees (c) total amount paid by the Machinery and Equipment Advisory Board in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976?

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVANTS OCCUPYING SX-3 POSITIONS

Question No. 353—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How many public servants occupy positions at the SX-3 level?
2. How many receive a salary between (a) \$37,500 and \$42,500 (b) \$42,501 and \$47,500 (c) \$47,501 and \$52,500?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board):

1. The number of public servants⁽¹⁾ whose substantive classification was SX-3 as of September 30, 1977, was 152.

2. The number of public servants⁽¹⁾ whose substantive classification was SX-3 and who were receiving salaries within the ranges specified as of September 30, 1977 are as follows:

Salary Range (\$)	Number of public servants ⁽¹⁾
(a) \$37,500—42,500	44
(b) \$42,501—47,500	93
(c) \$47,501—52,500	15

⁽¹⁾ Departments and agencies in Schedule 1, Part 1 of the Public Service Staff Relations Act.

SOURCE: Senior Executive and Equivalent Information; Sub-System (SXEISS); Treasury Board Secretariat.

OPERATORS OF SUB-POST OFFICES

Question No. 427—**Mr. Elzinga:**

1. (a) What is the current method of calculating payments made to operators of sub-post offices and on what date did it come into effect (b) what was the previous method used and for what reason was it changed?

2. By province, since 1974, what were operators of sub-post offices paid on an average, bi-weekly in the quarterly period (a) January, February and March (b) April, May and June (c) July, August and September (d) October, November and December?

3. What effect has the new method of calculating payments had on the salaries of such operators?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Postmaster General): 1. (a) Effective April 1, 1974, the basic salary and the commissions paid to sub postmasters at sub post offices, under payment system "A", on postage sales and money order business are based on the volume of business for the previously completed quarter and are adjusted quarterly. Other commissions are paid, on a quarterly basis, for optional services which may be available at sub post offices. (b) Prior to April 1, 1974, sub postmasters were paid for their actual sales based on their volume of sales for the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The system was changed to allow sub postmasters to receive, as soon as audited data is available for a given quarter, a remuneration which is representative of the volume of work performed.