

*Inquiries of the Ministry***ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
WITHDRAWAL OF MEDAL FROM FORMER
SUPERINTENDENT**

some of the points about procedure in this matter, but of course we were at that time waiting for the replies from the provinces to the white paper and the accompanying letter which we had sent to them.

I would like to look into that situation. I think all the replies are in, or all but one perhaps, and I hope my hon. friend will permit the Minister of Justice or myself to make a statement on this matter, as soon as I have had a chance to look into the provincial situation, tomorrow or the next day, I hope.

Mr. Brewin: I wonder whether I can ask the Prime Minister a supplementary question. Has consideration been given to enlarging the ambit of any inquiry to take into its scope the whole question of constitutional amendment and not just amending procedures?

Mr. Pearson: We will look into that matter too, Mr. Speaker; but I hope my hon. friend will agree that the procedure which we should follow in the house in respect of this very important matter must be related to the steps taken by the provinces on the same question. It is a difficult and complicated question, and that is why I am asking for a few hours delay before I reply.

BROADCASTING**INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Can he advise the house whether the government has received a report from the advisory committee on broadcasting; and if not, can the minister say when this report is expected?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, we have not yet received the report, but I expect it at the end of March or some time in April.

Mr. Simpson: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Secretary of State advise the house whether the government are considering or will consider providing a special grant to the C.B.C. for the specific purpose of the extension of services, as suggested in the last annual report of the corporation?

Mr. Lamontagne: I do not think the government has as yet finally decided on this matter.

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On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Guy Marcoux (Quebec-Montmorency): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

Could he tell the house why the former chief superintendent of the R.C.M.P. Mr. René J. Bélec had to hand back the O.B.E. medal given to him in 1953 for commendable services and who ordered that punishment?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for sending me notice of his question. However, in spite of his courtesy I think that this is the kind of question which should be put on the order paper. Therefore, I suggest to him to do so and I shall promptly supply him with an answer.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS**STEPS TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT
SITUATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Noting that there are approximately half a million people out of work in this country, which is 6 per cent of the labour force and 10 per cent of the labour force in the maritimes, I wonder whether the minister could make a statement regarding a program to alleviate this situation.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to make a statement at the appropriate time.

[*Later:*]

[*Translation*]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct—

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Mr. Speaker: I do not wish to choke anyone off, but I should like to break the present log-jam and get on with the business before the house.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Ricard: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour.

Since the province of Quebec has 39 per cent of the unemployed Canadians, could the minister tell us when he will announce the various plans he has in mind to reduce