

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Mather:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Postmaster General see that the two dismissed employees are reinstated, pending the arbitration of their case?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is making a representation.

[Translation]

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### COMPENSATION TO PRIVATE STATIONS FOR CARRYING CERTAIN PROGRAMS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Alcide Simard (Lac-Saint-Jean):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the hon. Secretary of State? Could she tell us whether private television stations receive some compensation for certain programs they borrow from the public network?

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me that the hon. member's question could be put on the order paper.

[English]

### CRIMINAL CODE

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS RESPECTING HOMOSEXUALITY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. J. Orange (Northwest Territories):** I have a question for the Minister of Justice. In view of the decision arrived at today by the Supreme Court, in which the sentence of indefinite confinement of Everett George Klippert of Pine Point, Northwest Territories, an acknowledged homosexual, was confirmed by a majority of the court; and since Mr. Justice Cartwright, the chief justice of the court, in his dissenting report said he thought it improbable that parliament had intended such a result, will the minister consider, when amendments to the Criminal Code are brought before the house, amending the sections dealing with this affliction so that Canadians will not be subjected to preventive detention because they are victims of an unfortunate social disease?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member seems to be making a speech rather than asking a question. He has made his representation to the minister.

**Mr. Orange:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I am speaking of a man who has been confined under a sentence of indefinite detention because he is afflicted with a social

[Mr. Côté (Longueuil).]

disease. I ask the Minister of Justice to consider, when amendments to the Criminal Code are brought before the house, to give consideration to amending the appropriate sections that deal with this social disorder.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has already made representations to that effect to the minister.

### FINANCE

#### POSSIBLE TAX INCREASE RESULTING FROM MEDICARE

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** My question is for the Minister of Finance. Considering the minister's statement in Calgary over the week end to the effect that "to the extent that medicare comes in I shall have to raise taxes", will he inform the house by what amount he will need to raise taxes if all provinces enter the medicare scheme?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I doubt if that question is in order.

**Mr. Harkness:** With the greatest respect, Mr. Speaker, this question is of extreme importance to members of the house and should be answered.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Monteith:** May I ask a supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member may not ask a supplementary question to an original question which has not been accepted. He may ask another question.

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth):** May I ask the Minister of Finance whether a date has been set for presenting this matter to the house.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** No, Mr. Speaker. The matter is still under consideration in the cabinet.

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

#### REASONS FOR LAY-OFFS OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. D. McLelland (Rosetown-Biggart):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister inform this house whether the proposed lay-off of 500 railwaymen in the western region of the railways is directly attributable to a lack of wheat shipments?