

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, I shall have to take that as notice and have an answer prepared for the hon. member as early as possible.

### INQUIRY FOR RETURN

#### AIR LINE REFUELLING STOP, FROBISHER BAY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. M. A. Hardie (Mackenzie River):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister in a position to advise us when he expects to table the information that he agreed to table on February 9, concerning refuelling at Frobisher Bay?

**Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I shall check into the matter and let the hon. member have the information as soon as possible.

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

#### ONTARIO—INQUIRY AS TO EXTENSION OF WINTER WORK PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Has the minister received a request from Premier Frost of Ontario that the special winter work program be extended for two months?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** No, I have not, Mr. Speaker.

### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

#### VICTORIAVILLE, QUE.—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Samuel Boulanger (Drummond-Arthabaska):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Postmaster General. Would the minister tell the house on what basis his department made the allocation of the stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first powered flight in the British Empire? Victoriaville has a population of 17,500 inhabitants and has received only 10,000 stamps. The residents are anxious to get more.

**Hon. W. M. Hamilton (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether I heard the question in its entirety. We have 12,000 post offices in Canada, and unfortunately I cannot carry with me at all times the exact allocation of special stamps for each one of those post offices. If that is the answer for which the hon. member is looking that is as far as I can go at the moment, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

**Mr. Augustin Brassard (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Postmaster General a supplementary question. Will he tell us whether he will take as notice the question just asked by the hon. member for Drummond-Arthabaska, as I am also interested in this matter?

**Mr. Hamilton (Noire Dame de Grace):** Certainly, Mr. Speaker.

### COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

#### AMMUNITION—INQUIRY AS TO ACTION ON REPORT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has the minister received a report from the restrictive trade practices commission saying that Canadian Industries Limited has a restrictive hold on the whole-sale distribution of ammunition in Canada? Can the minister say what action, if any, the government is considering taking so that ammunition is made available to all retailers in Canada, or whether the government intends to follow the suggestion that outside sources be made available to Canadian retailers?

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the report of the restrictive trade practices commission was received by me on February 3. It has now been made public in accordance with the terms of the act. I am studying the report at the present time with a view to making recommendations to my colleagues and I am therefore, of course, not in a position at the moment to say what action will be taken by the government in respect of the report.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### REFERENCE OF ESTIMATES OF DEPARTMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

**Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs)** moved:

That items numbered 76 to 105 inclusive, as listed in the main estimates 1959-1960, relating to the Department of External Affairs, be withdrawn from the committee of supply and referred to the standing committee on external affairs, saving always the powers of the committee of supply in relation to the voting of public moneys.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to support the motion standing in my name in order to place before the house the views of the government with respect to several matters that concern Canada directly at this time.