

POSTAL SERVICE

EASTERN ARCTIC—REPORTED NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. In view of the suggestion disclosed in the report of the advisory committee on the development of government in the Northwest Territory concerning the inadequacy of mail services in the eastern Arctic, has the minister directed that an inquiry be made in respect of this matter of urgency?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): Even though we have the best postal service in the world, my department is always trying to improve it in every area of the country. I must say that the eastern Arctic is a very special and difficult area, but I can assure the hon. member that it is under intensive study.

BROADCASTING

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION BASED ON WHITE PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Can that hon. lady inform the house whether during this fall session of parliament the government is going to bring in legislation based upon the white paper on broadcasting?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I think it is more likely that the government will be prepared to refer the white paper to the broadcasting committee as soon as unanimous consent is given.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

INQUIRY AS TO EXTENSION OF EXERCISE OF CLEMENCY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to address to the right hon. Prime Minister, and it relates to the fact that the government is now exercising the tender quality of mercy in cases where no recommendation has been made to that effect. Is the tender virtue of mercy being restricted to blood criminals or will the cabinet exercise mercy in the case of those gentlemen who were associated with the strikes at Lenkurt, a firm in Vancouver, and Tilco Plastics Limited of Peterborough,

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Ontario, who have been sentenced because of convictions for contempt of court? Is the tender quality of mercy being restricted to certain classes of criminals?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we will do our best to discharge our responsibilities under the law.

Mr. Starr: What is the law?

IMMIGRATION

TEMPORARY HARVEST WORKERS REMAINING IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of numerous requests I have received with regard to workers entering Canada this summer from Jamaica to aid in harvesting operations and remaining in Canada, can the minister state whether in the original agreement it is requisite that they return to Jamaica after the designated work period or will the Department of Immigration receive individual representations to remain in Canada or to return to Canada in the near future and remain in this country as workers?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not too sure that this question is very urgent. I would not think it is. If the hon. gentleman thinks I am wrong, he may want to discuss the matter in the adjournment debate.

Mr. Danforth: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

TRANSPORT

DORION, QUE.—INVESTIGATION INTO LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I want to address a question to a very clever minister, the Minister of Transport.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Choquette: Can the minister inform the house what steps the commission inquiring into the Dorion accident plans to take to notify all persons who may wish to appear and express grievances or suggest appropriate solutions?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not clever enough