

I should like to ask him to what branch of his department a school teacher would apply who wished to go overseas to teach the children of the men in the services. What are the qualifications required?

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, we are hoping to open a number of schools in connection with the military camps and air force camps in Germany and France at the beginning of the 1954-55 school year. Arrangements have been made with the provincial school authorities in all the provinces, I believe, under which teachers qualified to teach in the various provinces should apply through the provincial school authorities; and places are allocated on a quota basis approximately in the proportion of the number of children whose ordinary places of residence would be in each of the provinces. However, in addition, some applicants have applied to the department. Such applications will be considered in conjunction with those received by the provincial authorities, and they should be made to Mr. Harry Low, the director of the bureau of current affairs.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

SALE OF LITERATURE AT NEWSSTAND IN CHATEAU LAURIER

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I should like to reply to a question raised yesterday by the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Nesbitt). The hon. member asked:

Is it the policy of the Canadian National Railways to permit the sale of the appalling trash sold under the name of literature on the newsstand of the Chateau Laurier hotel? If so, is this "literature" picked out for the hotel by any department, either the Canadian National Railways or the Department of Transport?

I replied by stating that if it was a concessionaire operating the newsstand I did not think the railways would have any jurisdiction over it.

I have since inquired of the Canadian National Railways and I find that the newsstand at the Chateau Laurier hotel is and has for many years been operated by a concessionaire. The hotel management, while exercising no direct control over the operations of the newsstand, can and do bring to the attention of the concessionaire any complaints respecting the type of printed matter sold on the hotel premises and demand its removal if the complaint is found to be justified.

I am further informed that there have been no such complaints since the year 1948,

over and above the one which, I take it, the hon. member wished to make yesterday. I should like to add that if the literature is found to be obscene within the meaning of the Criminal Code then a prosecution can be entered at the instance of the provincial or municipal authorities who are responsible for the implementation of that section of the Criminal Code.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

INQUIRY AS TO PURCHASE OF PATROL BOAT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Eglinton (Mr. Fleming), without notice, asked me two questions which I agreed to take as notice and to which I agreed to reply today. The first question was this:

May I ask the Minister of Justice if it is not the policy of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to purchase needed equipment in Canada when available from Canadian sources?

The answer to that is that it is the policy of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to do so.

The second question was this:

If so, is that policy now being followed with respect to the purchase of a patrol boat which is to be a prototype of other boats required for R.C.M.P. services?

The answer to that question is yes.

THE BUDGET

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed, from Tuesday, April 13, consideration of the motion of Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Macdonnell.

(Translation):

Hon. Jean Lesage (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I was saying yesterday evening that the financial relations between the federal government and the provinces had been a thorny problem, especially in the last few years. I added that the events which occurred in the province of Quebec in recent weeks have added to its seriousness.

I do not seek to lessen the gravity of the situation in which a group of taxpayers of Quebec find themselves. I know that my colleagues in the house recognize that the matter cannot be lightly brushed aside or easily settled. Because the situation may have far-reaching consequences, it must be examined from all angles, and its causes and