

Oral Questions

The Solicitor General will know that it is a powder keg ready to explode. There are situations where dangerous inmates are not being properly supervised on the streets, and the public is at risk in Metropolitan Toronto.

The National Parole Board in Ontario has recommended a full review and audit to be made of the processes being followed, the staff problems, and reporting procedures.

I wish to ask the Government whether it is prepared to initiate that full review and audit, as recommended by the Senior Board Member of the National Parole Board in Ontario.

Ms. Copps: Good question.

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I wish to take issue with the inflammatory language used by the Hon. Member. It does not serve the system well to make that type of categorical catastrophic allegation. All of us are interested in ensuring that the system operates effectively on behalf of those it serves, and on behalf of the Canadian public.

I have indicated that I am informed that the administration of the Parole Board in the Toronto area has been addressed by the Solicitor General when it has been brought to his attention. He is taking action to ensure that the best interests of our system of justice are addressed. I would simply counsel the Hon. Member not to make these statements, otherwise he will have his picture in the *Toronto Sun*.

Mr. Nystrom: Which page?

An Hon. Member: Page 3.

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HORTICULTURE

EXPORTS OF HONEY—SULFATHIAZOLE CERTIFICATE

Mr. Jack Scowen (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Would the Minister advise honey producers in Canada if a sulfathiazole certificate is necessary for shipments of honey to Japan and to European countries?

When will the Government certify more labs for testing honey?

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I believe that I answered part of that question yesterday. My hon. colleague should realize that product cannot move interprovincially unless it carries an export certificate issued by Agriculture Canada, and meets the standards established by the Department of National Health and Welfare. The same holds true for export product from Canada to the United States, and more recently to Japan.

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What we are attempting to do is to negotiate with these two receiving countries an agreement that this product would be acceptable, providing that it carries with it an export certificate.

In order for us to issue the export certificate, it must meet the standards established by Health and Welfare.

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MARINE SAFETY

DESTAFFING OF WEST COAST LIGHTHOUSES—POSITION OF B.C. CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Have members of the B.C. Conservative caucus met with the Minister in order to request a moratorium on the destaffing of West Coast lighthouses?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is a matter which has been under way for some time. The Hon. Member will remember that the Government appointed, or that I appointed, a completely objective and independent evaluator of the proposals in connection with light stations in Canada.

He made a report and recommendations, and I believe he found that the course upon which we are embarked is a proper, sensible, and reasonable one.

Nevertheless, I am discussing these matters with members of the B.C. caucus who might not be as reasonable and rational in their judgment as the independent person we appointed to look into the matter.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Axworthy: We certainly agree with that.

Mr. Crosbie: I am naturally going to heed what they have to say.

Mr. Skelly: I must say that I agree entirely with the Minister about the irrationality of his colleagues.

Mr. Speaker: If the Hon. Member would put the question, it would be helpful.

REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON DESTAFFING

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, is the Minister aware that B.C. Tory Members made a public commitment to urge the Government to abandon the plan to destaff the lighthouses?

Will he impose a moratorium on the Coast Guard while his consultation with his colleagues is going on?