

Inquiries of the Ministry

Is his department considering the advisability of inquiring into the legality of the operations of companies using rain-making machines in the areas of Saguenay, Lake St. John and Abitibi?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I will be able to give an answer to this question tomorrow as I have already started gathering the necessary information.

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REPORT OF LAW SOCIETY RESPECTING
ONTARIO SUPREME COURT JUDGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice which I asked him some time ago. Has he yet received and been unable to examine a communication from the Law Society of Upper Canada concerning the position of Mr. Justice Landreville? What is the nature of the communication and what, if anything, does he propose to do about this matter, which appears to cast a shadow on the administration of justice?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is a question for the order paper.

STEPS TO DEAL WITH FRAUDULENT
BANKRUPTCIES

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

Can the Minister tell us if he intends to introduce in this house some measures to curb the ever increasing number of fraudulent bankruptcies which have attained an unprecedented figure since 1933? And when he replies I hope he will announce that the government will take other steps than what he told me when I asked him a similar question last year, namely, that the government was taking the matter under consideration.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I believe that the hon. member should ask this question without unilateral limit.

I must say that the complete revision of the Bankruptcy Act will not be completed for several months yet.

A new superintendent of bankruptcies has just been appointed, and his views will have to be sought on several aspects of all related matters. I can say that for the time being I am thinking of recommending to the government a measure which might, even though

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temporarily, correct some of the most urgent aspects of the problems.

That is all the information I can provide for the moment.

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Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): A supplementary question. Can the Minister say what happened to the previous Superintendent of Bankruptcy, and what position he is in at the present time?

[Translation]

Mr. Favreau: I feel this matter is not one of great interest to the house, but I must say that the previous superintendent of bankruptcies has now been promoted to the office of investigation and research on combines.

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Mr. Winkler: A further supplementary question. May I ask the Minister whether he was promoted by strict rotation, or was there a competition for an open position?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Surely there is not that sense of urgency that we need take up the time of the House at this moment.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—SUGGESTED RETENTION FOR TREASON

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. As a result of his report today of some of the facts and circumstances relating to the alleged treasonable acts of a certain Canadian citizen in serving the interests of a foreign power, will the Prime Minister from now on support the retention of capital punishment as the penalty for this and all other capital crimes against Canadian sovereignty and society?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not quite know how to subdivide the question into its various parts, but I think we had better leave it there.

Mr. Alkenbrack: There is only one section to the question, Mr. Speaker.

EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR INCREASED PER CAPITA
GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance. In view of the serious shortage of doctors as evidenced by the Hall Commission