

HATE LITERATURE

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. He tabled the report of the commission on hate literature, which report has been before the government for some time, I understand. Is the Solicitor General now in a position to advise that legislation based upon whatever recommendations are in the report will in fact be brought in?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): I am not in a position to give that undertaking, Mr. Speaker, but I can assure the house that this matter is being given very serious study and I am hopeful that we shall be able to make an announcement in due course.

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

MONTREAL—CONSTRUCTION OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Can he tell the house whether he received, over the week-end, a request from 40 Montreal ecclesiasts that construction be started without delay on the C.B.C. building? Is the Prime Minister in a position to make a statement on the matter?

[English]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to reply to that question and a similar one raised by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot and the hon. member for Saint-Jacques, who has been camping on my doorstep for some weeks on this matter.

I should like to say that the plans for consolidation of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation offices in Montreal, by the erection of a building on Dorchester Boulevard East as approved in the C.B.C. capital budget last November will be proceeded with. These plans are not affected by last week's budget statement. It is expected that excavation work will begin this year, 1966, with construction following in 1967, in accordance with the plans.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): May I ask a supplementary question. Can the Prime Minister say at this time whether the cabinet has decided to provide a sufficient sum of money for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to extend service to areas now unserved, as recommended in the last annual report of the corporation?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, that is another subject.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, I suggest this is not a question which should be asked at this time.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

WEARING OF HAT BY MEMBER FOR ATHABASKA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps at this time the hon. member for Athabaska would want me to bring to the attention of hon. members the hat he is now wearing. I think, according to tradition, possibly hon. members have the right to wear a hat, but I doubt whether that privilege extends to tuques.

An hon. Member: Take your hat off.

Mr. F. J. Bigg (Athabaska): I hope that I have not offended the house by drawing to hon. members' attention the fact that this refers to a centennial project of St. Paul, the foremost town in Canada as far as centennial projects are concerned.

PROTECTIVE STAFF—REPORTED UNSATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Would the minister inform the house whether the provisions of the Department of National Health and Welfare Act or the provisions of the Public Works Health Act are utilized to protect the health of those persons employed in the centre block of the parliament buildings?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Herridge: Then may I ask a supplementary question. In view of the minister's reply, will he inspect the quarters now occupied by the protective services of this house?