

**Mr. Greene:** I do not have any meetings scheduled with Mr. Roman at this time, Mr. Speaker.

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### RENTAL INCREASE FOR PERMANENT MARRIED QUARTERS

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. What action is his department taking to assist servicemen who must now support an added burden amounting to about \$4.5 million in extra rent charges? Is he aware, too, that civilian landlords are alleged to be charging servicemen greatly increased rents following the increase in rents for permanent married quarters?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** I cannot talk about that allegation, but as far as servicemen's rents are concerned this question has been under study for some time. We are now proceeding as easily as we can; we have delayed implementation of the recommendation from Treasury Board by about a year. We are going by what we call a weighted national average in determining these rents, but we have made sure that in no instance will a serviceman have to pay a rent which would amount to more than a quarter of his earnings. I believe the phasing-in of this plan is not unfair; it relates to economic realities.

**Mr. MacLean:** Would the minister seek assistance from his colleague, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, if necessary, to make sure that civilian landlords are not taking undue advantage of servicemen where sufficient permanent married quarters are not available on bases?

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** I am grateful for that recommendation to my colleague and I hope he has noted it.

### POST OFFICE

#### MONTREAL—PROVISION OF TRUCKS AND DRIVERS—NORMAL DELIVERY

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** My question is addressed to the President of the Treasury Board. Can the hon. gentleman advise us whether sufficient trucks and drivers have been secured for the delivery of mail in Montreal? Further, can we be told when the government expects mail delivery to return to normal in that city?

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** As yet we have not completed the fleshing out of the plan in respect of the drivers or mechanical equipment.

**An hon. Member:** Flushing out?

**Mr. Drury:** I hope progress in an orderly way is being made. I would hesitate to attempt to forecast a date when there will be a complete return to normal conditions.

**Mr. Macquarrie:** I thought at the beginning it was rather thin. Could the minister now tell the House how many drivers are employed? Can he give us an interim report?

**Mr. Drury:** I think the number of new men is approximately 200 but I would want to check that figure and correct it if necessary.

### TRANSPORT

#### U.S. NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK—CANADIAN ACTION

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Bearing in mind that this week, across the United States, an extremely useful traffic safety measure is being undertaken by the observance of National School Bus Safety Week, would the minister consider encouraging public support of a similar effort in our country?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to give all the support I could to a National School Bus Safety Week.

**An hon. Member:** A holiday?

**Mr. Jamieson:** I would not make it a holiday because of the added pollution as they threw more beer cans in the sides of the lakes.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** School children?

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Jamieson:** Who knows? I should like to say that early in May, since all members like to stay in Ottawa on Saturdays, I am inviting all the school safety patrols in Ottawa to attend a special safety parade on Parliament Hill. I hope you will all stay around and help us celebrate.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day. Order. Is the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development rising on a point of order?