

now in a position to say when such a decision will be taken, as the matter is of great urgency in view of further lay-offs contemplated in the coal mines of Cape Breton at an early date?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there have been continuing representations made by the premier of Nova Scotia since the occasion when he was among those in the delegation that met with me and other members of the government. The matter is still receiving consideration.

(Translation):

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

REQUEST FOR NAMES IN BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. O. Gour (Russell): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Will the hon. gentleman have bilingual name plates affixed to the present science service building on Carling avenue when the divisions of his department are regrouped at the end of March?

(Text):

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid the translation did not come through sufficiently well on my machine to know what the question was, so I will take it as notice and answer it tomorrow.

Mr. Gour: I will ask it in English. Will the minister order that bilingual signs be placed on the present science services building on Carling avenue when different divisions of his department will be regrouped?

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Speaker, I will take that as notice also.

(Translation):

EASTVIEW, ONT.—REQUEST FOR POST OFFICE BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. O. Gour (Russell): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Would he care to say whether his department will soon start building a post office in Eastview, a prosperous town with a population of over 22,000? Having regard to the population in the surrounding districts, this post office could serve more than 50,000 people.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: From time to time we have had questions from those who would like to have post offices in their constituencies, but

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I believe the hon. member will appreciate that if all 265 hon. members proceeded in the same way it would not work out very well. I think the question should go on the order paper.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLAN

OTTAWA RIVER BRIDGE—STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on February 19 the hon. member for Hull directed a question to me in these words:

When Major General Kennedy, chairman of the national capital commission, spoke about the bridge which is badly needed was he reflecting the policy of the present government?

The answer is that General Kennedy was voicing his own views. Those views were spoken at the final meeting of the federal district commission, which views were later reported by His Worship Mayor Moncion, who was also at that meeting. In brief, General Kennedy's view was and is that as far as the commission is concerned other projects should have higher priority than this new bridge. The government has not had occasion to consider this matter recently, and it would not necessarily have to be considered as a national capital project, since it is a bridge between one province and another. No decision on government policy in regard to this project has been taken, and when such a decision is taken it will be brought to the attention of the house in the usual way.

In the meantime I think it is well that the national capital commission should consider what interim arrangements can be made to improve the approaches to the existing inter-provincial bridge. It appears that the bottlenecks for traffic at present arise from the approaches to the bridge on either side, rather than from the lack of capacity of the bridge itself.

DRUGS

VANCOUVER—REPORTED SALE OF HYPODERMIC OUTFITS FOR USE BY ADDICTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. I regret I was not able to give him notice earlier today. I wonder if the minister's attention has been drawn to a Canadian Press dispatch indicating that Detective Alan Shepherd of the Vancouver police force gave in testimony at an inquest that certain druggists in Vancouver are selling specially prepared containers with hypodermics and so