

Questions

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): The answer to the first part of this question is no. The second part is not applicable.

JUDGE ADRIEN MEUNIER, QUEBEC

Question No. 2,870—**Mr. Allmand:**

1. Is Judge Adrien Meunier still receiving his salary as a judge of the Superior Court for the province of Quebec?

2. How many cases did he hear during 1966?

3. During that year did he carry on any other specific duties in his capacity as judge?

[Translation]

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice):

1. No. Mr. Justice Meunier was granted leave of absence from his judicial duties without pay from the first day of November, 1965, until further Order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. None.

3. No.

[English]

MONTREAL OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
OF BANKRUPTCY

Question No. 2,871—**Mr. Allmand:**

1. What was the budget for the office of the superintendent of bankruptcy in the district of Montreal during 1966?

2. How many employees are employed by this office and what are their classifications?

3. Are there any lawyers in Montreal specifically charged with prosecutions under the Bankruptcy Act?

4. Are there any accountants in Montreal specifically engaged in the investigation of bankruptcies?

5. Does the R.C.M.P. conduct investigations under the Bankruptcy Act?

6. How many cases of fraudulent bankruptcies were investigated in Montreal during 1966?

7. What is the status of the investigation into the murder of lawyer Adrien Paquette?

Hon. John N. Turner (Registrar General):

1. During the period March 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966, the superintendent of bankruptcy had one investigator in Montreal and the expenditures of the bankruptcy branch for that period for the Montreal office were as follows:

Salaries	\$10,222
Travelling	551
Telephone, Supplies, etc.	400
Total	<u>\$11,173</u>

2. As of April 12, 1967, the staff of the office of the superintendent of bankruptcy comprised the following:

Classification—

Branch director (Superintendent of bankruptcy)	1
Assistant branch directors (Assistant superintendents of bankruptcy)	2
Regional office director	1
Auditors	14
Investigators	6
Bankruptcy administration supervisory officers	5
Office manager	1
Stenographers	13
Clerks	8
Total	<u>51</u>

While the total establishment of the office of the superintendent of bankruptcy, as of April 12, 1967 provided for 69 positions, the establishment of the Montreal regional office was at that time as follows:

Regional office director	1
Auditors	7
Investigators	3
Stenographers	3
Clerk	1
Total	<u>15</u>

3. Prosecutions under the Bankruptcy Act for offences of an administrative character, whenever necessary, are conducted by the legal advisors of the federal Department of Justice in Montreal.

4. Yes.

5. Yes.

6. The expression "fraudulent bankruptcy" may be used to refer to a wide variety of undesirable situations. It may refer to irregularities on the part of debtors, creditors, inspectors, trustees or any other persons having some connection with bankruptcies. During the course of 1966, the office of the superintendent of bankruptcy, in some cases with the assistance of the R.C.M. Police, initiated in the metropolitan Montreal area more than 200 investigations into alleged irregularities connected with bankruptcies on the part of bankrupts, creditors, inspectors, trustees or other persons. This figure does not include investigations carried on by the provincial authorities or the Montreal municipal police or by trustees.