

Inquiries of the Ministry

a Puisne Judge of the Superior Court for the district of Montreal on April 1, 1947. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on December 22, 1949. We wish him well in the high office which he now assumes.

On behalf of my colleague, the Minister of Justice, I also wish to announce the appointment of the Honourable Bora Laskin, now a judge of the Court of Appeal of Ontario, to be a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Justice Cartwright from that court.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

**AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE
TO ADJOURN FROM PLACE TO PLACE
WITHIN CANADA**

On the order: Government notices of motions:

March 18, 1970—The President of the Privy Council: That the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications be empowered, during its consideration of the subject-matter of ground transportation at airports, to adjourn from place to place within Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 2 of Standing Order 21 this Government Notice of Motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under Government Orders at the next sitting of the House.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**TAXATION**

WHITE PAPER ON REFORM—PROTEST COUPONS—ALLEGED CLOSING OF MAIL BOX OF COLIN BROWN

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Postmaster General and the Prime Minister I direct my question to the Minister of Finance. Is it a fact that the government has directed that the Ottawa mail box of Colin Brown, a London insurance agent who has attacked the federal white paper on proposed taxation, shall be closed in so far as the coupons are concerned to which the minister has taken such strong objection? Is he aware of the fact that if the letters or coupons are directed to members they are delivered but unless they are they are returned to the senders when there are no names?

[Mr. McIlraith.]

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, all I know about it is what I read in an Ottawa paper yesterday. To my knowledge members of the government as such have nothing to do with this. I will check with the Postmaster General but certainly I have no knowledge beyond what I read in the paper yesterday.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I am sure, then, that the minister would agree that if this is being done it would be a shocking mistake and a denial of the rights—

An hon. Member: If!

Mr. Diefenbaker: —of every individual in Canada and would indicate a power-hungry government.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

**URANIUM INDUSTRY—SALE OF SHARES IN
DENISON MINES—FOREIGN OWNERSHIP
REGULATIONS**

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources concerning the statement by Mr. Steve Roman, president of Denison Mines, that he intends to sell his shares in spite of the statement which the minister made last evening. Has the minister any comment to make by which he can assure the people of Canada that the government intends to carry out the obligation, which the minister undertook last night, to see that any uranium operation does not have a greater foreign ownership than 33 per cent? What steps does the minister intend to take to make sure that any transfer of shares does not violate the proposal which the minister placed before the House last night?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows from the statement, the methods whereby the enforcement of the government's decision will be achieved are to be the subject matter of regulations which will be disclosed as soon as we have fully found the methods, made up our minds in this regard and also have discussed the matter with the securities exchanges and so on. There is no question but that the intent of the government in this regard can and will be carried out, and any potential purchaser who does not qualify as a Canadian in accordance with the definition I gave last night would purchase entirely at his own risk.