

Motions for Papers

In relation to question No. 155, since persons appointed to the Senate, the bench, federal government boards, commissions, agencies, etc., are not required to declare whether they have ever been candidates in federal elections, there is no record under the administrative responsibility of the government of Canada from which an answer to this question can be drawn.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): In relation to question No. 71, part 2 of this question raises the same problem as does question No. 155. I am having prepared a reply to part 1 of question No. 71. My hope is that it will give most of the information sought by question No. 57, and I hope to be in a position to answer that on Monday.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, while all of us will believe the hon. gentleman when he says he has no idea as to whether they were Liberal candidates of former members appointed, all I can say is that this is in accord with the abolition of patronage in advance of the announcement made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau); but that does not apply to question No. 275. I do not think I have the answer of the house leader to that question. Certainly all these specious and implausible arguments he has advanced cannot apply to the delay in answering that question, even though it is going to be embarrassing to some of those who sit opposite.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, the right hon. gentleman has misconstrued my remarks with respect to question No. 57, as he will see when he examines the record tomorrow. With regard to question No. 275, I will take that up with my colleague.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege with regard to the questions put on the order paper.

On September 12 last, I put the following question on the order paper and I quote:

1. During the past three years, which judges of the Superior, District and County Courts, as referred to in Section 96 of the BNA Act, have been appointed to extra-judicial functions, such as sitting on Royal Commissions, and advisory committees?

Mr. Speaker, it seems to me it should have been possible to reply to that question earlier. I put that question on the order paper almost [Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

two months ago and it has yet to be answered. It should not take that long to find out how many judges have sat in these various capacities.

[*English*]

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to bring this to the attention of my colleague to see if we can get an answer at an early date.

[*Translation*]

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Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notices of motions Nos. 8, 12, 17 and 26 are agreeable to the government, subject to the usual reservations with regard to confidential papers and authorization from government authorities concerned.

Would Your Honour be good enough to call notice of motion No. 18?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining notices of motions be allowed to stand.

[*English*]

NEWFOUNDLAND—DISCONTINUATION OF RAILWAY SERVICE

Motion No. 8—**Mr. Peddle:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all letters and other communications between the Government of Canada or any of its representatives, and the Government of Newfoundland or any of its representatives, relating to the proposal of the C.N.R. to discontinue rail passenger service in Newfoundland and the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

DEVELOPMENT OF ROBERTS BANK PORT

Motion No. 12—**Mr. Rose:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Government of Canada, any Minister or Department thereof, the Canadian Transportation Commission, the Canadian National Railways and the Government of British Columbia and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, relating to the joint Federal-Provincial Development of the Roberts Bank Port in British Columbia, dated since January 1, 1967.

Motion agreed to.

RAIL ROUTE TO ROBERTS BANK

Motion No. 17—**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all letters and other communications in the