

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—STATEMENT ON CHANGE IN
LOCATION OF POST OFFICE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Azellus Denis (Postmaster General): In reply to a question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Hastings-Frontenac about the postmastership at Belleville, I wish to inform the house that charges were made to effect that the postmaster at Belleville, John A. Ireland, had engaged actively in politics contrary to section 61 of the Civil Service Act. The postmaster admitted the charges in a sworn declaration, which reads in part as follows:

I, John Alexander Ireland, do solemnly declare that in the political campaigns of 1957, 1958, 1962 and 1963, I acted as campaign manager for Mr. Lee Grills. I have acted as postmaster Belleville sub office No. 5 since 1960—

Mr. Grills is the former Conservative member of parliament for Hastings South. He was elected in 1957, re-elected in 1958 and 1962 and was the defeated Conservative candidate in 1963. Mr. Ireland's dismissal was approved on October 15 last.

Mr. R. A. Webb (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Postmaster General for that information, but that was not the complaint. While I am on my feet I should like to ask the Postmaster General did he or did he not have representation made to him by Mr. Royce Frith, who I believe is past president of the Ontario Liberal association, on behalf of Mrs. Clare Stewart of Enterprise, Ontario?

Mr. Denis: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that, but I would not wish to prevent anyone from making representations or applying for the position.

BROADCASTING

INQUIRY AS TO REAPPOINTMENTS TO
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a non-controversial type of question of the Secretary of State. I should like to ask him whether he has informed any of the many members of the board of broadcast governors whose appointments expire in the next few days that they will not be reappointed?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): No, sir, I do not think that is any part of my duty. When the government has made up its mind to recommend appointments, those persons will be appointed in the usual way.

Income Tax Act

Mr. Fisher: A supplementary question. In view of the minister's own expression about the broadcasting industry requiring a period of stability, has he given any consideration to taking this step in order to help settle the confusion which might follow from a complete replacement of the board?

Mr. Pickersgill: There is no possibility of a complete replacement of the board, as the hon. gentleman, who is a very well informed member of the house, must know.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR COMMISSION TO
STUDY UNEMPLOYMENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Considering the increase of unemployment in Canada and especially in the province of Quebec, does the government intend to establish a commission of experts which would carry out an investigation on seasonal unemployment as was done by the Quebec government?

[Text]

Mr. Speaker: This is surely a question for the order paper.

INCOME TAX ACT

The house resumed, from Wednesday, October 30, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-95, to amend the Income Tax Act—Mr. Gordon—Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

On clause 1.

[Translation]

Mr. Latulippe: Concerning Bill C-95, I was telling the Minister of Finance (Mr. Gordon) yesterday that we were happy about the fact that he has decided to provide tax incentives for the new industries which will be set up in areas designated as depressed areas.

However, I should like to draw his attention on the situation of the small industries which can barely survive at present and which also need tax exemptions to expand. In my opinion, it would be easier to help existing small industries than to establish new ones. If those small industries had the opportunity to increase their capital in order to expand, the local economy would have a chance to improve. Such a move would benefit the whole Canadian economy.

But with all the taxes they have to pay nowadays, it is not easy for our industries to cope with the situation. We are taxed at 52 per cent of the cost value and we