

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I must say that I did meet Hon. Paul Gérin-Lajoie, not over the week end but yesterday. We had several matters to discuss and of course I took that opportunity to bring up the question of amending the constitution.

Hon. Léon Balcer (Three Rivers): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

Would the Minister of Justice tell us if he intends to discuss tomorrow amendments to the constitution, even if Mr. Lesage stated, as headlined in this morning's *Le Devoir*:

Too early to discuss changes in the constitution.

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, it is evident that the business of the house, as announced yesterday, remains unchanged.

Probably my hon. friend and myself do not give the same interpretation to newspaper headlines, because I understood, although I have not yet read Mr. Lesage's speech, that in his opinion the time was not ripe to make substantial changes to the very text or to the spirit of the constitution. In my opinion, he never said that the time was not ripe to repatriate the constitution.

[Text]

[Later:]

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Will the minister assure the house that the federal and provincial rights of all Canadians will be preserved in regard to equality and the propagation of true co-operative federalism fostered, at the forthcoming meeting of the provincial attorneys general?

SOCIAL INSURANCE**DISTRIBUTION OF BUSINESS CARDS BY
TORONTO INSURANCE COMPANY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Labour a question arising out of a business reply card distributed by a life and casualty insurance company based in Toronto. The message on the card is:

Important—If you have received your social insurance number you can qualify for the federal social security plan—Pays for food—Pays for clothing—Pays for shelter—Even a guaranteed income to your family after death.

While the card has a certain amount of humour about it, it could create a good deal of confusion, particularly because of the ref-

[Mr. Marcoux.]

erence to the social insurance number. Could the minister investigate this and see whether there has been any liaison or whether there is some relation between this and the Liberal social security plan we have all heard about since 1919?

Mr. Speaker: Surely the hon. member would take particular delight in putting this question on the order paper.

VETERANS AFFAIRS**MONTREAL—REPORTED REFUSAL OF MEDICAL
TREATMENT TO R.M.C. CADETS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria, B.C.): I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Has the minister had an opportunity to continue his investigation into the incident I described to him yesterday in my question about the injured cadets of the Royal Military College who were refused admission last Saturday to the Queen Mary veterans hospital in Montreal? If so, does he wish to make any amending statement to the house?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I cannot at this stage accept the suggestion that treatment was refused. I am given to understand that a full report will be brought in from the Queen Mary hospital this afternoon, and perhaps I shall be in a better position to reply fully tomorrow.

In answering a question yesterday from the hon. member for Victoria (B.C.) respecting this situation I attempted to give the house the little information which had come to hand, while indicating that it was sketchy and incomplete. I am now informed that implications were read into my remarks, and I wish to correct them now. There was no suggestion in my observations that there had been any misbehaviour on the part of these cadets, and if anyone read this into my remarks, I apologize. Any such suggestion is totally unwarranted, and there is no evidence whatever that any misbehaviour had taken place.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**INQUIRY AS TO GENERAL AMNESTY TO COM-
MEMORATE ROYAL VISIT**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Léon Balcer (Three Rivers): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

Could he tell the house whether it is the intention of the government to grant, as it