

Secretary of State at the same time that Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day does not belong only to the Province of Quebec, but to all French Canadians. When we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, in honour of the Irish people, it is not only for the Irish people of Quebec, Ontario, or British Columbia, but for the Irish people of all Canada. The same thing is true for French Canadians. However, Mr. Speaker, if the people want to make this a separatist issue by saying that Quebec alone is concerned—and this is the meaning of the leaflet—I do not want the CBC to give five cents to finance separatists like Mrs. Lise Payette, or wooden-faced François-Albert Angers of Montreal, or people like that. Mr. Speaker, I believe that the CBC is now financing the destruction of Canada rather than its unification.

Mr. Speaker: This is certainly an important matter, not only for French Canadians, but also for all the members of this House. Perhaps fortunately for the Chair, the hon. member did not ask, through the Chair, that any action be taken to rectify the situation, therefore, the question remains as stated.

[English]

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. In response to the recent question that I asked the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lang), the minister attempted to impute motives to the questioner, myself, and I submit that this is a violation of the privileges of this House. The answer given by the Minister of Justice, imputing motives in the question, in effect deprived the questioner of the right to be seen and to ask an objective question. When the Minister of Justice suggests that it is a narrow group of people who are asking that question about juries, let me assure Your Honour and the members of this House that many members of the legal profession are vitally concerned that the jury system should survive in this country and the question of the survival of the jury system is a serious one indeed.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member may have mistaken the reference to the number of people who had a certain view; that was with reference to the question whether clemency should be granted, not with reference to the question about juries. In my earlier answer I think I made it quite clear that I, too, was concerned about the integrity of the jury system but that I was satisfied, from the discussion in the Supreme Court on the matter, that there was no difficulty. I think it is also clear that I did not impute any motives. However, I did say that a certain view was being expressed and put forward, and I think that is very fair comment indeed.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

TABLING OF STATEMENTS MADE TO FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE BY MINISTER OF FINANCE

Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table, pursuant to rule 41(2), two statements made by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) to the conference of first ministers

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today. They are entitled "The Consultations on Inflation" and "The Economic Situation", and are in both official languages.

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CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT USE OF STEEL LEG TRAPS IN TRAPPING OF ANIMALS

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-387, to amend the Criminal Code (cruelty to animals).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I simply wish to state that the purpose of this bill is to prevent the use of steel leg traps for the trapping of animals.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 352, 1,182, 1,337, 1,350, 1,351, 1,595, 1,599, 1,672, 1,758, 1,766, 1,777, 1,814, 1,861, 1,892, 1,922, 2,117 and 2,127.

Mr. Speaker, if questions No. 53, 615, 1,285 and 1,372 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that questions No. 401 and 769 be made orders for return and also ask the consent of the House to table immediately the information which has already been submitted. The balance of the information will follow as soon as it is submitted to me.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary be deemed to have been made orders for return in the manner described by the parliamentary secretary?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Reid: Would you be so good as to call starred question No. 1,609?

I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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POSTAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE, MONCTON

Question No. 352—**Mr. Jones:**

1. (a) On what date will the announcement be made with respect to the acquisition of a new centralized regional postal distribution centre