

*Order for Return*

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** 1. A request was received from the Saskatchewan Anti-Tuberculosis League that the increased third class postal rates not be applicable to voluntary associations whose program funds are raised by a mail appeal and in fact asked that a reduced third class rate be made applicable to such organizations. As we had received other similar requests the matter was already under study when this request was received.

2. The Saskatchewan Anti-Tuberculosis League maintains that the adverse effects of increased postal rates will be to the detriment of their over-all program.

3. By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Post Office Act, I could establish preferential postage rates for non-profitable charitable, humanitarian or voluntary organizations. Such measure would, however, be fraught with far reaching consequences extending beyond the scope of the Post Office. It would entail the setting of special postage rates based upon extraordinary welfare or social considerations; this would be tantamount to shifting the burden of foregone postal revenue to users of other classes of mail or to the general taxpayer. The question would have to be resolved as to how the Post Office could pass value judgment on the individual merits of particular charitable, humanitarian, welfare or voluntary organizations (of which there are some 35,000 registered with the Department of National Revenue as charitable institutions for income tax purposes) as opposed to organizations engaged in other worthwhile endeavours, without running the risk of being accused of discrimination. It would be impracticable and inequitable to set rates favouring a particular type, or types of organizations whose members may claim that their activities are of benefit to the public at large.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATION "THE LIGHTER"

Question No. 1,626—**Mr. Mather:**

1. What is the annual cost of the Department of Agriculture's publication *The Lighter*?

2. What consideration is being given to ceasing production of *The Lighter*, in view of the Department of National Health and Welfare's efforts to reduce tobacco induced diseases?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. Cost for printing and typesetting annually for four issues, \$3,480; cost of editorial services, etc., (departmental) approximately, \$3,000; approximately per annum, \$6,500.

2. No consideration is being given to discontinuing publication of *The Lighter*. This periodical does not promote the use of tobacco but conveys information to producers and the industry on current research to develop less hazardous tobacco products, a research objective quite consistent with the aims of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

RESEARCH IN ARCTIC

Question No. 1,610—**Mr. Brewin:**

1. Does the government participate in the Arctic Institute of North America and, if so (a) what is the extent and purpose of its

[Mr. McIntosh.]

participation (b) does it do so through the Department of National Defence or the Defence Research Board?

2. Was access to the St. Elias Mountain Range in the Yukon granted to the United States military for research and study and, if so, what is the nature of the research and study carried on by the United States military?

3. Have Canada and the United States undertaken joint military research in the Arctic and, if so (a) where and what is the nature of such military research (b) are any such joint research projects now under way and what is their purpose?

4. Has research conducted in the Canadian Arctic over the past five years included research in chemical and biological warfare and, if so (a) by whom was such research conducted (b) was it under the supervision of the Canadian Armed Forces?

Return tabled.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

UNEMPLOYMENT—ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO CREATE JOBS—ESTABLISHMENT OF SHORT-TERM FORECASTING UNIT

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Last Thursday the right hon. gentleman expressed some uncertainty about the need for immediate additional governmental measures to create jobs in the country. Now that he has had time for reflection and, indeed, for consultation within the government, I should like to ask him whether he has determined upon a course of action and when we may expect to see some action with regard to job creation?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I have nothing to add to what the Acting Prime Minister said on Friday—that the government is considering all forms of action and that an announcement will be made in due course if further action is decided upon.

**Mr. Stanfield:** In order to give the context I should like to remind the Prime Minister of a statement he made on July 23: "The unemployment rate as a trend is falling and we are convinced our policies will lead to good results." I should like to ask the right hon. gentleman whether he still holds to that assessment of the unemployment trend, and what he means, in a word or two, by "good results".

**Mr. Trudeau:** As I indicated, on Thursday, I believe, the assessment still holds for all workers over 25. Indeed, I think it holds for workers over 20 years of age. The problem is with the teenage group which has entered the work force, or which has not left the work force after the summer period, at a vastly different rate from the past. This is the aspect of the problem with which we are concerning ourselves.

**Mr. Stanfield:** I am sure the Prime Minister would be among the first to agree about the importance of young Canadians as well as of other Canadians. I should like to put to him a question I have frequently addressed to the Minister of Finance in connection with a recommendation made several times by the Economic Council of Canada.