

Order Paper Questions

Mrs. Holt: Mr. Speaker, this is a bill to amend the Interpretation Act to end the implied "men only" eligibility for executive jobs in Crown corporations. Throughout the history of Canada's parliament masculine pronouns have been used in all bills. For example, in the Federal Business Development Bank bill continual reference is made to various boards of directors and presidents and to "his duties" and to a person to replace "him". I should like the act changed by amending section 26 of Part VI of the Interpretation Act, which says that words importing male persons include female persons. I might advise the House that this dates back to 1848, the first session of the third provincial parliament of Canada, in which it was stated that—

• (1440)

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. With all due respect may I say that I believe the hon. member, having indicated her intention of changing the Interpretation Act so that the masculine pronoun will no longer be imputed to mean also the feminine, and that certain other changes will be made, it should be considered to be a fairly adequate explanation of the purpose of the bill.

Mrs. Holt: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Temper.

An hon. Member: Be a lady.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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: 370, 524, 669, 763, 775, 808, 816, 960, 971, 1,043, 1,107 and 1,155.

Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 1,033, 1,106, 1,201, 1,202 and 1,203 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

[Text]

POST OFFICE—BILINGUAL POSITIONS

Question No. 370—**Mr. Dick:**

1. Have the jobs of Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster in the following communities in the Province of Ontario been designated as bilingual positions (a) Perth (b) Carleton Place (c) Almonte (d) Kanata (e) Lanark Village (f) Carp (g) Arnprior (h) Renfrew (i) Foresters Falls (j) Beachburg (k) Cobden (l) Douglas?

2. Have any other positions at those Post Offices been declared as bilingual positions?

Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): 1. (a), (b) and (c) No bilingual positions.

[Mrs. Holt.]

(d) Postmaster's position is bilingual. Designation date is March 31, 1977. Assistant postmaster's position is bilingual. Designation date is March 31, 1978. (e) to (l) No bilingual positions.

2. No.

AGE LIMIT FOR STUDENTS UNDER TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Question No. 524—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Is the government reconsidering its decision to raise the age limit from 12 to 14 years for students for grant purposes under the Cultural Exchange Program?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): This matter is under consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION— CONTRACTS WITH LAPOINTE TRANSPORT LTD.

Question No. 669—**Mr. Graftey:**

1. What transport contracts have been awarded by the Department of Manpower and Immigration to Lapointe Transport Ltd., 105 Industriel Blvd., Longueuil, Quebec, since January 1, 1972?

2. What was the amount of the contract in each case?

3. Were public tenders called in each case and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. William Rompkey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. Nil.

2. N/A.

3. N/A.

CBC—POLICY CONCERNING COMMUNITY ACCESS TO TRANSMITTERS

Question No. 763—**Mr. Reid:**

1. Has CBC Board of Directors approved a policy paper concerning community access to CBC transmitters for broadcasting?

2. Is the name of this document "CBC Policy on Community Broadcasting in Remote or Isolated Communities" and, if not, what is the correct title?

3. Has this policy been implemented and, if so (a) on what date (b) have many applications been received?

4. How many requests were made for this programme before CBC Board of Directors made their decision on community access to CBC transmitters?

5. Was there an application or request from the Sioux Lookout-Hudson region of Ontario and what has been the result of their requests?

6. (a) On what date does CBC plan to announce the existence of this policy on community access to CBC transmitters (b) for what reason has there been such a long delay in making available to the public the contents of this decision on community access to CBC transmitters?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. Yes.

2. The name of the document approved by the CBC board of directors is "CBC Policy on Community Broadcasting in Remote or Isolated Northern Communities".

3. (a) Only partially and only in a few communities, on an experimental basis. The policy involves, for the most