

much that can properly be done by the department at the taxpayer's expense.

I must say I have a great deal of sympathy for the plight of these people, and I think it most unfortunate that after what I hope was a very happy and pleasant holiday on the other side they now find themselves without return tickets. But I think it would be a pretty dangerous precedent for the government to take taxpayers' money and expend it to provide return tickets when the individuals, if I am correctly informed as I believe I am, were warned before they went that they did not have return tickets and that the air line would not fly them back unless return tickets were paid for.

Hon. A. J. MacLean (Queens): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Transport whether consideration has been given to having the Department of External Affairs advance money, as is sometimes done, to those would-be passengers who are Canadian citizens, to allow them to return to their homes and jobs.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, so far I understand there has been no request from any of them for an advance of money.

(Translation):

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temisamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Is he considering the possibility of direct negotiations with Mr. Lesage concerning the transfer of jurisdiction over New Quebec to the government of the province of Quebec?

(Text):

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, that matter is already under study, as the house knows, by at least two members of the cabinet.

PUBLIC WORKS

CLINTON, ONT.—INQUIRY AS TO NEW POST OFFICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. E. Cardiff (Huron): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. I sent him notice of the question yesterday. Could the minister tell me whether any progress has been made with respect to a start on the new post office building at Clinton, Ontario?

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the minister I am very happy to inform the hon. member that the

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architect has submitted his preliminary sketches in which some revisions have been made, and he is now preparing the working drawings and specifications. It is planned that tenders will be called in October, for a completion date in September, 1964.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO SETTING UP COURT OF CLAIMS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. I would like to ask the minister whether we may expect that there will be prepared for submission to parliament when we return from the recess, draft legislation in respect of the establishment of a court of Indian claims, which is a matter of great concern to many residents of this country.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I must say this is a question which has already been thoroughly reviewed, and it is my intention to submit to cabinet a recommendation for the establishment of such a court upon the return of the house.

(Translation):

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO UNDERCOVER ACTIVITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

In view of the statements made by the man named Watson about the murder of Rocky Pearson, which appeared in *La Presse* yesterday, as well as the part played by an agent of the R.C.M.P., does the minister intend to have an investigation made within this police force, in order to throw some light on its activities?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have read the statements in *La Presse* as well as in other newspapers. I have no intention of having an investigation made, at least not before knowing the issue of the trial. Of course, when such a matter is before the courts, one must wait until judgment has been passed. I surely cannot make a statement with respect to that question without being aware of the final decision.