

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): I want to put a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Is the minister ready to state that no extraordinary or special measure has been taken abroad, outside current administration, in order to get doctors to come and practise in Canada?

[English]

Mr. Lang: It depends, I suppose, on what is called an ordinary or extraordinary measure. Over a period of time the department did indicate until some months ago particular occupations or professions where there seemed to be a shortage or demand in Canada, and did this in the form of advertisements. Certainly in the case of doctors advertisements of this sort were run in some countries as part of our regular policy in relation to occupations in short supply. I know of no additional special measures.

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POST OFFICE

REFUSAL TO PERMIT USE OF WORDS, "THE HOME OF RAPE AND HONEY", AS CANCELLATION STAMP

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question dealing with a less serious matter to the Postmaster General. I wish to ask him whether, when he made the ruling that the town and area of Tisdale should not be able to have a cancellation stamp put on postage that reads "Tisdale, the home of rape and honey", he was aware of the fact that both of these products were mentioned in the diversification suggestions of the Minister of Agriculture and the minister who reports for the Wheat Board? Why does he deny that portion of Saskatchewan, indeed the whole province which has an international reputation for the production of these two products, the use of these words on the postage?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister Without Portfolio): I am lost, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is the most intelligent answer that this government has given, and I congratulate the minister. I now ask him whether he will find out the facts. Not knowing of the situation at all, which has been dealt with at length across this country, both on national television and in the newspapers, will he look into it now and reverse the asinine decision that was made?

Mr. Côté (Longueuil): What I will do, Mr. Speaker, is to read the question in *Hansard* tomorrow and try to give another intelligent answer.

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[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF DIRECTOR OF THÉÂTRE DU RIDEAU VERT

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, as my question has already been put, may I call the atten-

[Mr. Lang.]

tion of hon. members to the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery, of the founder-director of the Théâtre du Rideau Vert of Montreal.

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[English]

HISTORIC SITES

LOWER FORT GARRY—DISCONTINUANCE OF MILITARY CEREMONY

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the government discontinued the military ceremony which has been the main animated feature at the Lower Fort Garry historic site, and does this mean that the policy of historic animation has been abandoned for all national historic sites?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the details of this question. I shall inquire about it and be happy to give the hon. member an answer tomorrow or Friday.

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: In view of the fact that students are involved in this program and there is a shortage of summer employment for students, would the minister, while he is looking into the matter, consider stepping up the program of animation?

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REQUEST THAT BILL NOT BE PROCEEDED WITH UNTIL MEASURE CONCERNING PHASING OUT OF FISHERMEN INTRODUCED

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question arising out of the fact that earlier today we gave first reading to a bill having to do with the Unemployment Insurance Act. I direct my question either to the Minister of Labour or to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, whichever minister wants to reply. Can we have an assurance, in view of the announced intention of the government to phase out fishermen from coverage under the Unemployment Insurance Act, that the details of that proposal, either in the form of a bill or whatever is appropriate, will be placed before the House before we give consideration to the second reading of the bill respecting the Unemployment Insurance Act?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Certainly before changes are made a bill will be submitted to the House for consideration by Parliament.

Mr. Barnett: I wish to direct my supplementary question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as House leader. Would the House leader on the government side undertake to schedule the business of the