

Oral Questions

have not yet been discussed with the provinces, as he has undertaken to do?

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**SUGGESTED NEED FOR CHANGE IN TEMPORARY ABSENCE AND PAROLE SYSTEM—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Solicitor General. In light of an incident that happened yesterday in the province of Quebec in which a prisoner from Cowansville Penitentiary on leave of absence so-called forced a citizen at knife point to take him 50 miles to the city of Montreal and the escape by that prisoner, and in view of the suggestion in the Speech from the Throne that greater priority would be given to the protection of society, will the minister give consideration to changes in the administration of the leave of absence program that will prevent the kind of incident which happened yesterday and has happened all too often since the beginning of this session?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, that incident is now under investigation. As I mentioned to the House, we are preparing proposals to change the parole and temporary absence system, and these will be given to the House shortly.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Solicitor General how many incidents of this kind we must experience before he stops investigating and starts to act?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

PAROLE OF WOMEN—POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, in view of the recommendation in the report on the status of women concerning women and the Parole Act, and in particular the closing of the women's quarters at Kingston Penitentiary, would the Solicitor General indicate whether he has taken any action on these recommendations?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, we are discussing these with the provisions provinces and have certain proposals to make to them. We hope to have some announcements to make in due course.

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TRADE**CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—EFFECT OF POSSIBLE CHANGES**

Mr. John Wise (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce

[Mr. Forrestall.]

and is supplementary to a number posed earlier. Is he really optimistic that the possible changes in the U.S.-Canada auto pact will result in an improved Canadian position?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. A question asked in those terms is not in order.

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POST OFFICE**ALLEGED ISSUANCE OF 1972 T4 SLIPS FOR WORK PERFORMED IN 1971—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General of which I have given him notice. Has the Post Office recently issued T4, 1972, statements to a number of persons in the Toronto district, including Mr. H. Griesdorf, 32 Alberta Avenue, for work performed during the Christmas rush of 1971?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for having given me notice of his question, but I should like to remind him that payments and deductions for tax purposes do not come under my jurisdiction but rather under the jurisdiction of the minister responsible for the Central Pay Division of the Department of Supply and Services.

[English]

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Supply and Services. Is it the practice of the government to issue 1972 T4 forms for work performed in the fiscal year 1971, does this comply with the law of the country and, if not, will the minister look into this matter and make whatever restitution is necessary so that these people will not be taxed in 1972 for income earned in 1971?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I shall surely examine the matter as suggested by the hon. member.

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[English]

SHIPPING**DAMAGE TO SHORELINE PROPERTIES ON LAKE ONTARIO AND BAY OF QUINTE BY WASH FROM LAKE VESSELS**

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport and I have given him notice. It is pursuant to my question of April 11 and pertains to the hazard of damage done to the shoreline, particularly in the Bay of Quinte, as a result of lake vessels moving at full speed in confined waters. I asked him for a ruling in respect of a speed limit. Can he now inform the House regarding new restrictions on the speed of vessels plying the lower Great Lakes and the Bay of Quinte area during this period of high water emergency?