

PUBLICATIONS

EXEMPTION FROM SALES TAX OF "READER'S DIGEST" AND "TIME"

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Real Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue?

Considering all the advantages that the government intends to grant the *Reader's Digest* and *Time* magazine, will those two publications remain exempt from Canadian sales tax?

[Text]

Hon. J. R. Garland (Minister of National Revenue): I think we should postpone any discussion until the proposed legislation is before the house. However, I cannot foresee any change in the application of sales tax.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR DISCONTINUATION OF PROGRAM "QUEST"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): I have a question for the Secretary of State. I am referring to the program "Quest" carried on C.B.C. television stations on February 25 depicting the life of railway station employees. This was just another "Quest" program which was most corrupt and immoral. Would the minister consider taking action to see that this "Quest" program is removed from C.B.C. television screens?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): I will be glad to ask the C.B.C. to prepare a report on this program and to indicate what are its intentions with regard to it.

[Translation]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temiscauingue): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question?

Has the Secretary of State obtained yet from the C.B.C. a report on the interview granted by that corporation to Mr. Marcel Chaput, about which a question was asked last week?

Mr. Lamontagne: No, Mr. Speaker.

[Text]

Mr. Smallwood: I have a supplementary question to put to the Prime Minister. We have been receiving such answers from ministers responsible for the C.B.C. for years. I should like to ask the right hon. gentleman

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whether he would consider introducing legislation to set up a committee of this house to which the C.B.C. would be responsible, in order that parliament might have more control over undesirable programs put out by the C.B.C.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): The hon. gentleman will, I hope, have the opportunity before long of bringing before this house, through a committee, his views as to the desirability of the parliament of Canada controlling programs of the C.B.C.

AIR TRANSPORT

RENEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister inform the house what progress is being made in renegotiating the bilateral air agreement presently existing between Canada and the United States?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I understand that preparations are being made for negotiations a little later in the spring, but I think it would be inadvisable to attempt to make any more detailed statement without making further inquiries.

Mr. Gerald A. Regan (Halifax): Can the minister assure the house that when this conference takes place in the spring full consideration will be given to acquiring additional direct flights from Halifax international airport to United States and Caribbean points?

Mr. Pickersgill: I can assure the hon. gentleman that his view and other views about the desirability of increased Canadian participation in this traffic will be pressed as strongly as possible.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

NOVA SCOTIA—COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON DOCK FACILITIES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): May I take this opportunity to answer a question which I should have answered a couple of days ago, put to me by the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria, having to do with the letting of the contract for the rehabilitation and renovation of the wharf at North Sydney to take the new ferries. I may say I checked with my colleague the Minister of Public Works, whose department will be responsible for this work.