

to a motion to have this committee go to western Canada, and to Saskatchewan in particular.

**Mr. Sharp:** On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I put forward this motion at the request of the committee.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

#### MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

Sixth report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in both official languages—Mr. Leblanc.

[English]

#### PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

Fifth report of Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections—Mr. Blaker.

[Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,304 and 1,872.

Mr. Speaker, if question No. 2,218 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred questions Nos. 2,407 and 2,431?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

#### DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,304—**Mr. Paproski:**

1. How many full-time employees were under salary in the Department of External Affairs on (a) January 1, 1974 (b) January 1, 1975?

2. How many people in each of these years received salaries of (a) under \$10,000 (b) between \$10,000 and \$20,000 (c) between \$20,000 and \$30,000 (d) over \$30,000?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. Full-time employees under salary in the Department of External Affairs: (a) on January 1, 1974, 2,977; (b) on January 1, 1975, 3,023.

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2. The number of employees in each salary range was:

	January 1, 1974	January 1, 1975
\$ 0,000—\$ 9,999	1,930	1,158
\$10,000—\$19,999	753	1,437
\$20,000—\$29,999	194	255
\$30,000 and over	100	173

### CNR HOTELS

Question No. 1,872—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. In light of CNR's avowed aim that it plans to rid itself of running its hotels, what does CNR plan on doing with the hotels that will not be given to the consortium of CN, Hilton, Trizec and Air Canada?

2. For what reason were these hotels not part of the transaction?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** The Management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: 1. Under the projected agreement, ownership of hotels that were not to be acquired by, but would have been leased to the consortium, would have been retained by CN.

2. Because it was to CN's advantage to retain ownership.

### \*STATISTICS CANADA—DELIVERY SERVICES

Question No. 2,407—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. In how many provinces does Statistics Canada employ the use of private couriers, private mail delivery services or bus lines for the delivery of interdepartmental mail or any mail or correspondence with outside businesses or individuals?

2. How long has this practice been followed?

3. What amount of money was spent in 1974 for the services of private delivery companies and what is the projected expenditure for 1975?

**Mr. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to starred question No. 2,407 by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre reads as follows: Statistics Canada reports the following: 1. Private couriers are used in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

2. This practice has been followed since 1967.

3. During 1974 the amount of \$98,588 was spent for services of private delivery. In 1975 we expect to require the continued use of private couriers at approximately the same amount as last year. Sources other than mail are used only to meet urgent needs when it is imperative to collect statistical data to meet high priority deadlines.

### \*TRADE BALANCE BETWEEN CANADA AND USA SINCE 1972

Question No. 2,431—**Mr. Laprise:**

At the end of each fiscal year since 1972, what was the trade balance between Canada and USA?

**Mr. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to starred question No. 2,431 by the hon. member for Abitibi reads as follows: Statistics Canada reports that the following were Canada's merchandise trade balances with the United States in the fiscal years