

talking with Mr. Worsdale and I have not seen any correspondence. As a result, I have no knowledge of why he resigned.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

EFFECT OF ASSUMPTION OF OLYMPIC DEBT BY QUEBEC ON TRANSFER PAYMENTS

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board and is supplementary to a question of my colleague, the hon. member for York-Simcoe. In light of the announcement by the government of Quebec, that it is to assume some of the responsibility for the planning and building of Olympic facilities, and since this decision will place a strain on the budget of the province of Quebec, will these additional expenses be considered when transfer payments from other provinces are considered?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): I do not think that would be a factor in establishing the equalization payments to the provinces, but I will check and report to the hon. member.

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[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF MERIT SYSTEM BY QUOTA SYSTEM TO ENSURE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR FEMALES

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Minister of National Health and Welfare has stated the government wishes to ensure that within a reasonable period of time the ratio of male to female employees in the Public Service in each department, occupational group and level will approximate the proportion of qualified and interested personnel of both sexes available, I am wondering whether the minister is proposing that rather than a straight merit system the government will be introducing legislation or regulations providing for a quota system to assure that an increased percentage of positions will be filled by females?

● (1500)

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member cares to look further in the speech I delivered from which he quoted he will find the determination of this government is to ensure proper and fair representation to women in the Public Service of this country.

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker, I would rather not try to be partisan in this matter or get kudos from the backbenchers. What I am trying to determine is whether the minister can explain whether or not they have decided on a quota system or whether they will rule out a quota system.

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member again can look at my speech. I have explained exactly how the system will work. There will be full co-operation by all departments under the direction of the Treasury Board in which the departments are invited to propose targets over the next five years in terms of promotion of women. The Treasury Board will review these targets with the department every year, and we will try to ensure, as I said in the speech, that all interested and able women who want to be promoted in the public service will be properly considered and will have their chance to be promoted.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

KING GEORGE V CANCER FUND WINDING-UP ACT

MEASURE TO WIND UP FUND

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-76, intitled: "An Act to wind up The King George V Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund for Canada and to authorize the sale of the assets and securities of the Fund and to transfer the sale proceeds and the balance of moneys to the National Cancer Institute of Canada".

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[Translation]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 2,878, 3,154, 3,290, 3,313 and 3,328.

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

[Text]

DEFENCE EXPORT SALES

Question No. 2,878—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 2,394, is there any department which is prepared to divulge to the people and Parliament the dollar value of military equipment sold to other states and, if not, what is the reason for such secrecy?

2. (a) To what countries in each year since 1963 has Canada sold military equipment (b) what was the nature of such equipment?

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. Dollar values of all Canadian exports, including military equipment, are published in Statistics Canada Catalogue 65-004 (monthly)