

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**An hon. Member:** What about Blair?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I regret to tell the hon. member that there are no vacancies at the moment. Any request for new appointments must come from the Attorney General of Ontario. Then of course in the judges bill that appears on the order paper once a year, parliament provides for the salaries and expenses of these judges. But until I receive a request from the Attorney General of Ontario I cannot satisfy the hon. member.

**Mr. Alexander:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT****ANXIETY RESPECTING DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS MAIL**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Communications in his capacity as Postmaster General. In view of the advice that appeared in a Toronto paper a few days ago to the effect that people should mail their Christmas cards now if they want them delivered on time—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** — may I ask the minister whether he will confirm this advice, or is there a danger that by the time Christmas comes we might not have home delivery any more?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**SPORTS****TROTTING RACES—REFUSAL TO LICENSE LADY DRIVERS**

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture. Would he ask the minister to investigate whether or not Rule 17, section 1, of the Canadian Trotting Association rules and regulations, 1969, is contrary to the Bill of Rights, in that it declares the association's refusal to license lady drivers for extended meets who have not previously held such a licence—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**NEWSPRINT—INVESTIGATION INTO PRICING POLICIES**

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the intended investigation by the United States department of justice into the United States paper industry and the notification that was sent to United States branches of Canadian firms, and also in view of the fact that the investigation may have been set off by a statement by the Canadian companies in connection with an intended newsprint price increase in early 1970, is it the intention of the minister to conduct an investigation into the pricing policies and conduct of these Canadian companies?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I take it that the hon. member's question refers to the investigation that was launched before the grand jury of New York into the paper industry. We were advised some time ago on a confidential basis, pursuant to the Fulton-Rogers agreement, that this action was being taken. We have been advised that it does not involve any Canadian companies except one, Kamloops Pulp and Paper, which was served with a subpoena in error.

**IMMIGRATION****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY**

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. The Minister may take it as notice and give a full reply at a later date. Can the minister state whether the government is following a policy of increasing immigration, and what means are being employed to encourage people to come here in greater numbers?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sure the hon. member will agree that what he is inviting the minister to do is to make a statement on motions. Perhaps the minister might like to make a brief reply.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I will consider some method of getting the information to the hon. member.