

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Postmaster General): The answer is no. That part of the work is done by the public works and paid for by that department.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): May I ask the Minister of Public Works what the cost of that viewing room will be?

Mr. Lapointe: I might say that I have made inquiries and public works tells me it is \$2,447.50.

POSTAL SERVICE

SUTHERLAND, SASK.—REQUEST FOR MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Knight (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Postmaster General. In view of the fairly recent amalgamation of the town of Sutherland and the city of Saskatoon, and in view of the desire of the people there to assure to every citizen of Saskatoon door to door mail delivery, I should like to ask the minister whether a petition has been received from those people and whether such petition has been considered? If it has been so considered, what decision has been made in regard to the matter?

Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, no petition has been brought to my notice. It is quite possible that one may have been received by officials of the department. I shall make inquiries and report to my hon. friend.

THE MINISTRY

REFERENCE TO INVITATION TO BRIGADIER ALLARD TO JOIN CABINET

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George H. Hees (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister. Is the invitation to Brigadier Allard by the Prime Minister to join the cabinet considered closed, or is the matter still open?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Whenever there is an addition to the cabinet an announcement will be made. I had conversations about a year ago with my good friend, Brigadier Allard, but they did not lead to any action.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

INQUIRY AS TO PROVIDING OF LIVE AMMUNITION AT PUBLIC MILITARY DISPLAYS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Claude Ellis (Regina City): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Defence I should like to direct a question to [Mr. Fraser (Peterborough).]

his parliamentary assistant. In view of the tragic accident which occurred in Regina last evening, I wonder whether the parliamentary assistant will inform the house if it is the practice of the army to provide live ammunition at public military displays being held at fairs and exhibitions throughout Canada?

Mr. Paul Hellyer (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence): The army is making a full and complete investigation into this very unfortunate accident. Until I have seen the report I do not think I should like to comment on it.

Mr. Ellis: If this is the practice, can the parliamentary assistant assure the house that instructions will go out from defence headquarters to cease the practice of providing live ammunition at the displays?

[Later:]

GREENWOOD, N.S.—STATEMENT ON REPORTED CONVERSION OF COAL-BURNING EQUIPMENT AT R.C.A.F. STATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Paul Hellyer (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence): Yesterday the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis) asked if tenders had been called to convert coal-burning equipment at R.C.A.F. station, Greenwood, Nova Scotia.

There are 481 permanent married quarters heated by hot air. Of these, 100 are heated by coal and the balance by oil. In the interest of standardization it has been decided to convert the balance of the coal heating units to oil, and tenders have been called for this purpose.

WATER RESOURCES

WATER LEVELS OF LAKE MICHIGAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. W. Murphy (Lambton West): I wonder whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs has a reply to my question regarding the diversion of water from lake Michigan through the Chicago drainage canal system?

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, I have not a complete reply, but I expect to have one tomorrow morning.

Mr. Murphy (Lambton West): May I ask a supplementary question? In view of the statements attributed to United States senators or congressmen that the diversion of water from lake Michigan through the drainage system is no concern of Canada—in other words, they intimated in the press that Canada need not be consulted, of which