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service in the hon. member's constituency occurred in St. Germain when the contractor of the retail postal outlet there informed us that he did not wish to renew his contract. Unfortunately, neither of the two remaining businesses in St. Germain was interested in hosting a retail postal outlet. Retail postal products and services were amalgamated to McKnight's Pharmacy in Winnipeg. Delivery service through community mailboxes commenced on May 27. Canada Post remains prepared to consider establishing a postal counter in any local business which might express an interest in operating a postal outlet in this community.

(b) On an urban scale, the service currently available in the hon. member's constituency includes two postal stations, five full service retail postal outlets and one retail postal outlet offering a limited range of postal services. Furthermore, there are 19 stamp shops open, providing convenient locations for stamp purchases. For the member's information, the following is a list of the names and addresses of postal outlets and stamp shops in the area. Of the 10 postal outlets in his riding that have undergone changes recently, five have become full service retail postal outlets and five have become stamp shops.

Postal stations offering a full range of postal products and services: St. Boniface Postal Station, 208 Provencher Blvd., Winnipeg; Norwood Grove Postal Station, 287 Tache Avenue, Winnipeg.

Retail postal outlets offering a full range of postal products and services: Marion Postal Outlet, Metro Drugs, 4-276 Marion Street, Winnipeg; Lakewood Postal Outlet, Pharmasave, 35 Lakewood Blvd., Winnipeg; Niakwa Postal Outlet, Safeway, 2 Alpine Avenue, Winnipeg; St. Vital Centre Postal Outlet, Shoppers' Drug Mart, 17-1225 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg; South St. Vital Postal Outlet, McKnight's Pharmacy, 1631 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg.

Postal outlet offering a limited range of postal services: Nieman Enterprises Ltd, 1087 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg.

Stamp shops: Mac's Convenience Store, 8-680 St. Anne's Road; Boutique du Boulevard, 112-131 Provencher Blvd.; Canada Safeway, 285 Marion Street; Tache Pharmacy, 400 Tache Avenue; M & M Foods, 845 Elizabeth Road; Island 99 Food Store, 12-20 Island Shore Blvd.; Mississippi Jacks, 1034 Beaver Hill Blvd.; Uniglobe Travel, 310-119 Vermillion Avenue; Shell Circle K, 1270 Archibald Street; Canada Safeway, 2

Alpine Avenue; Streamers, The Party Store, 4-827 Dakota Street; Auxiliary Gift Shop, 409 Tache Avenue; Laccueil Columbien Inc., 200 Masson Street; Fredette Foodfare, 390 Provencher Blvd.; Western Canada Ltd., 125 Garry Street; Metro Drugs, 1069 Autumn Road; Canada Safeway, 77 Vermillion Avenue; Mac's Foods, 1035 Autumn Road; The Coffee Cup, 79 St. Anne's Road.

[English]

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

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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**PRIVILEGE****GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS**

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Parkdale—High Park raised a question of privilege concerning the tabling of responses to petitions. I undertook at that time to respond to my hon. friend at the earliest opportunity, and I am pleased to do so today.

On behalf of the Minister of Employment and Immigration I wish to advise the House that we agree the situation is not acceptable. I have asked the department to explain the lateness in answering some of these petitions. I have also inquired as to any measure it may undertake to rectify this situation.

The department wishes to apologize to the member and to his constituents for not having forwarded a response within the prescribed time.

The minister has spoken with his departmental officials and has been assured that any outstanding parliamentary returns will be dealt with in the shortest possible delay and that hon. members can expect that the current situation will not recur.

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the parliamentary secretary for acting so quickly on the very serious question of privilege I raised yesterday.

I fully accept his apology on behalf of the Minister of Employment and Immigration and I shall pass that on to the petitioners.