

BRIDGES

THREE RIVERS, QUE.—CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROVINCE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Clement Vincent (Nicolet-Yamaska): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the new Minister of Transport. Can he tell the house about the correspondence he exchanged with the minister of highways of the province of Quebec concerning a matter of interest to my constituents, namely the Three Rivers bridge?

[Text]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I hope to be in a position to answer this question tomorrow. I wrote some days ago to the minister of highways of Quebec. I am informed that a reply to my letter was received at my office this morning but it did not reach me before I came to the house. I am therefore not in a position to give an answer now, but I think there will be no difficulty about giving one tomorrow.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

SASKATCHEWAN—PROTEST OF LIBERAL LEADER AGAINST FEDERAL POSITION ON MEDICARE PLAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister received any communication from Ross Thatcher, the Liberal leader in Saskatchewan, protesting the federal government's unwillingness to participate in a medicare plan?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, I do not recall receiving any communication of that kind at all, but I would be glad to look into it.

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Ross Thatcher was here two days ago. Did he discuss this question with the Prime Minister?

Mr. Pearson: Yes, I had an interesting chat with him from 9 to 9.15 last Friday morning.

Mr. Winch: In that interesting talk, was medicare discussed?

Mr. Pearson: I am in some difficulty in recalling exactly what we talked about, but I do not think it was discussed.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

HOUSE OF COMMONS

FREE TELEPHONE CALLS BY MEMBERS BETWEEN OTTAWA AND MONTREAL

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

As house leader, could the minister tell us whether it is true that following an agreement with the Bell Telephone Company, members from ridings located on the island of Montreal will be able to make telephone calls without cost to the island? Is it true also that similar arrangements exist in regard to other cities? Could he also inform the house as to whether the provisions of the bill which was passed last year with respect to the payment of members' telephone calls by the government will soon be put into effect?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member for Lapointe allow me to read his question tomorrow morning, so as to check the data and give him an answer?

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REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PRECEDENCE LIST OF MINISTERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temisamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Privy Council. I wonder whether the minister would issue an official list giving the precedence of the members of the cabinet, as there appears to be considerable doubt on the subject if one consults last Wednesday's French and English *Hansards*.

PUBLICATIONS

COMPETITION WITH CANADIAN EDITIONS OF U.S. MAGAZINES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question arising out of his announcement the other day as to the steps the government is going to take with regard to protecting Canadian periodicals. I should like to ask whether the government had an updated analysis of the O'Leary commission's views on the effect of *Time* and *Reader's Digest* on Canadian publications before the government made the decision to proceed with these particular steps.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am in some difficulty in understanding what my hon. friend means