

matter of fact, I think there is a very fair distribution of work in all parts of Canada.

Mr. Lundrigan: My concern is that this department has given up the ghost. I want it to take up the spirit.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

EFFECT OF RATE CHANGES IN NON-PROFIT PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State a question in his capacity as the minister answering or reporting today for the Postmaster General. Having in mind the very large number of representations coming to members of the house from all sections of the non-profit press as to the very heavy increase they are now having to pay under the new rates, will the Secretary of State ask his colleague to take a second look at this situation?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I will gladly draw that question to the attention of my colleague.

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

THE SICOTTE CASE—POSSIBLE ABUSES OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES BY CANADIANS

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister when the government proposes to respond to my question of Friday about the public interest aspect of the Sicotte case?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Not today, Mr. Speaker.

DRUGS

MACE—TESTS TO REVEAL POSSIBLE DANGERS

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether he has had a chance to consider the question I put to him a few weeks ago about making a statement in the house regarding any experiments his department might have conducted on the use of Mace?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have had an opportunity to look into this. I apologize to the hon. member for not reporting on it earlier. As far as I am aware it is not being used by any of the law enforcement units in Canada.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Could the minister tell the house whether his department has conducted any experiments on its use and whether a report on its effects is available?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether this supplementary question is in order. It might be placed on the order paper.

VIOLENT DISTURBANCES

MONTREAL—USE OF R.C.M.P. TO INVESTIGATE BOMBING INCIDENTS

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, is the Solicitor General in a position to answer the questions I asked last week relative to the degree of investigation carried on by the R.C.M.P. in respect of bombings in the province of Quebec?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to give what information I can. The responsibility for investigating the bombings is, of course, primarily that of the Montreal city police force, the Quebec Provincial Police and other Quebec authorities. I want to add very quickly however that the R.C.M.P. is and has been co-operating fully, offering every possible help to those two forces. Meetings take place between the heads of the three major police forces from time to time and the general problems are considered.

In addition the R.C.M.P. is giving those two forces all the co-operation requested, and these other forces are completely satisfied with the co-operation they are receiving. I have assured myself on that point. The Montreal police and the R.C.M.P. have the best possible working relations at the working level as well, and they know that they can rely on the R.C.M.P. for any additional help that might be suggested or might be felt to be useful.

In addition to the work actually being carried on by the R.C.M.P. in conjunction with those two police forces in investigating bombings, the R.C.M.P. in carrying out its general responsibilities in other fields of law enforcement, is also very much aware of the need for any information which may be obtained in their work which would be of assistance to the provincial or municipal police forces, being made available to those forces.

I should also like to assure the house that I have checked and am satisfied that the matter of manpower is not a problem in carrying out investigations into bombings. I cannot of course go into the details as to the method of investigation or other matters in carrying out those investigations. I am sure the house will understand that.