

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

## POST OFFICE

POSTAGE RATE INCREASES FORECAST BY  
MINISTER—GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Prime Minister. May I also be permitted to advise him that the Postmaster General is back and making speeches.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Macquarrie:** In reference to the speech he made today, may I ask if the Postmaster General is expressing government policy in these times of anti-inflationary measures when he speaks of mail rate increases to come with greater frequency than in the past and when he warns people to make allowance in their forward planning for such increases in 1971?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Postmaster General is assuming, and I assume he will be right, that inflation will be licked by then.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** You don't say that seriously.

**Mr. Macquarrie:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Prime Minister also say whether the Postmaster General is expressing government policy when he says that those who do not use the postal service will not be picking up the bill for those who do? Will this odd philosophy regarding a basic government service be applied to other basic government services such as the RCMP and the CBC?

## LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—ASSISTANCE IN CREATING  
NEW JOBS

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the Prime Minister's assurance to Mr. Bourassa of Quebec that he would help him to meet his pledge to create 10,000 new jobs in that province by the end of 1971, can the Prime Minister give a similar assurance to the Premier of Saskatchewan who in 1964 promised that 50,000 new jobs would be created within four years.

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

[Mr. McIlraith.]

## NATIONAL AND ROYAL ANTHEMS

## INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Government House Leader. Since I have not bothered him on this subject for some time, could he now indicate whether we can expect in 1970 legislation dealing with Canada's national and royal anthems?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I think I can assure the hon. member now that there will not be legislation on this question before the end of the present session. It is conceivable, of course, that the legislation might be introduced in the next session.

[Later:]

**Mr. Forrestall:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Government House Leader indicate whether the government would consider bringing in a piece of legislation to deal with the royal anthem at least, because that is not subject to the difficulties the government is encountering in securing the rights to "O Canada"?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to consider that.

## THE MONARCHY

## COST TO CANADA

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, may I revert once more to the very interesting and revealing performance of the Prime Minister on the CBC. Among other things he stated that one of the difficulties in maintaining a level of expenditures on the part of the government was the cost of the monarchy. I should like him to tell the House what he meant when he spoke of the cost of the monarchy to Canada, or was that just one of those nebulous things that was thrown in to becloud the issue?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would think I have to make the same ruling about this question as I did about the question of a similar nature that was asked originally by the Leader of the Opposition. I doubt whether the question can be asked in those terms.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, could I ask it without referring to the speech? I thought the Prime Minister would like a reference to his qualities as an actor.

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