

Inquiries of the Ministry

explain why Canadian government annuities representatives are not in receipt of annual holidays with pay?

Mr. R. D. Thrasher (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour): I shall take that question as notice.

COAL**MARITIME PROVINCES—FURTHER UTILIZATION BY LOCAL INDUSTRIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister inform the house whether he has received representations from Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia and Premier Robichaud of New Brunswick with regard to further utilization of maritime coal by local industries? If so, will the Prime Minister advise the house what action, if any, has been taken to implement the suggestions or recommendations submitted in the premiers' brief?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I shall take that question as notice.

(Translation):

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION OF DEFICIT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Azellus Denis (St. Denis): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Since he is in the Prime Minister's confidence—

Mr. Tremblay: Order.

Mr. Denis:—does the minister feel he will be able to explain to the house the deficit of over \$4 million shown by his department?

Mr. Tremblay: Order.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am sorry, but for some time I have heard interruptions from the far end of the chamber which I think are not in the best interests of the dignity and conduct of business of this house and I would ask hon. members, without mentioning any names, who feel that the cap fits, to better observe the proprieties. I make no apology for rising because, if hon. members will reflect on the course of our proceedings during the past few days, I think they will agree that we have a dignity to maintain in the eyes of the country, and also we have work to do.

[Mr. Regier.]

(Translation):

Mr. J. N. Tremblay (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege concerning the comments you have just made.

I should like to inform you, with all due respect, that I was the one who objected to the question that the hon. member for St. Denis was about to ask, because, knowing the kind of questions he has been asking for four years, I was sure that, as usual, it would be an insignificant one designed simply to waste the time of the house and its members.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: I shall always be glad to hear a point of order from the hon. member, but I can scarcely make the assumption in advance that a point of order will arise.

(Translation):

[Later:]

Mr. Denis: Mr. Speaker, now that we have silence in the house, may I repeat my question to the Postmaster General? Since he is in the Prime Minister's confidence, does he feel he will be able to explain to the house—

Mr. Tremblay: Order.

Mr. Denis:—before the end of the session the deficit of more than \$4 million shown by his department?

Mr. Tremblay: Order.

An hon. Member: The hon. member for Roberval was right.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the minister would permit me to say that questions of that kind relating to financial affairs are normally dealt with on the estimates and in the budget. The invitation to deal with the finances of a department in general on the orders of the day is quite improper and out of order.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Denis: I think it should be done before dissolution of parliament.

Mr. Speaker: I appreciate the hon. member's anxiety to get on with it, but he is out of order.

AIRPORTS**DORVAL—ARREST OF PORTERS CARRYING BAGGAGE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, in the light of a telegram I have received from the president of the professional Sky-Caps I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. My question is this.