

DATE OF PAYMENT OF WINTER CONSTRUCTION
BONUS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Is the minister aware that many persons living in houses completed before March 31 have not received the \$500 bonus yet, and can he inform the house when these bonuses will be paid?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is a question for the order paper.

Mr. Prittie: Mr. Speaker, I submit to Your Honour that the question of people waiting for \$500 is rather more important to them than many of these frivolous questions on the flag.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

WINNIPEG—POSSIBLE USE OF MAILS TO DEFRAUD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Postmaster General. On May 5, as recorded at page 2927 of *Hansard*, I asked him a question concerning the possible fraudulent use of the mails by a finance company in Winnipeg and he said he would look into the matter. I wonder if he could bring down an answer fairly soon.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I must apologize to the hon. member. The answer was supplied to me a few days ago, and I will be glad to give it to the hon. member during the next question period.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

POSSIBLE FURTHER REDUCTION IN DEPARTMENTAL
EXPENDITURES

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Guy Marcoux (Quebec-Monimorency): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence?

Has the minister read the statement made over the week end by two economists to the effect that the first step the federal government should take in order to improve federal-provincial relations would be reduce considerably the expenditures of his department and, if so, what action does he propose to take himself?

[Text]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker.

Inquiries of the Ministry
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY—REMISSION
OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer a supplementary question the hon. member for Three Rivers asked me on May 29, when he wanted to know the latest date on which the sentence of the lash had been carried out at the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

Here is the answer: On May 11, 1964, in the case of three inmates.

Now, for his personal information, I have the data concerning the other dates in the other places of detention if he is interested.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

QUEBEC—ADMINISTRATION OF ESKIMO AFFAIRS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

Could the minister tell us whether other meetings have taken place, in the last few days, between his department and the officials of the Quebec department of natural resources in order to operate the transfer to the province of Quebec of the administration of Eskimo affairs, and could he tell us also whether those negotiations have been broken off or whether there is still some ground for understanding and what is his department doing in that respect?

[Text]

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member put this on the order paper?

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put my question in such a way that it will be in order and ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources whether there has been any meeting lately between the officials of his department and those of the department of natural resources of the province of Quebec concerning the transfer of Eskimo affairs.

[Text]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, there has been no contact by myself with any minister of the government of the province of Quebec since I last spoke on this matter in the house.