

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Walker: May I take it that the emphasis put in this news report is not in keeping with what the minister had in mind?

Mr. Harkness: No. This mention of the billion dollars was a great surprise to me. I had never heard any estimate of that amount in connection with this program if it is carried out.

Mr. Thomas R. Berger (Vancouver-Burrard): I wish to ask the minister a supplementary question. Can the minister tell the house whether any funds available to the government of Canada are being expended on new construction for fall-out shelter purposes?

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure that I know what the hon. member means. Some of the buildings being constructed at the present time are being constructed in a way which gives a very good degree of fall-out protection in their basements and so on. The only buildings which are being built, however, and which are designed particularly for protection against fall-out are ones for emergency measures and military headquarters of various kinds.

(Translation):

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTED POLITICAL PATRONAGE IN CERTAIN
CONSTITUENCIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Megantic): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Does the minister approve of the high political patronage policy which is being carried out at present in certain ridings represented by members of the opposition?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member will undoubtedly agree that he is not seeking information but merely making a statement.

(Text):

ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. J. MacEachen (Inverness-Richmond): I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. Will the minister tell the house why action was not taken in the past month to set up the Atlantic provinces development board which in early December was regarded as an urgent matter?

Hon. H. J. Flemming (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the hon. gentleman understands that with so

[Mr. Harkness.]

many matters of very urgent public importance, it was impossible to get everything done at once. However, if he will contain himself I am sure that in a day or two he will be satisfied.

(Translation):

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MONTREAL-CHICOUTIMI—INQUIRY AS TO
UNILINGUAL EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Cote (Chicoutimi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister aware of the fact that there are still on the trains between Montreal and Chicoutimi employees who speak only one language—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member must know that his question is out of order at this time.

INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION INTO PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he has received an interim report from Mr. Donald Gordon, pertaining to the proposed investigation on the C.N.R. personnel? May I point out that the minister announced that investigation about five weeks ago—

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the only thing I know so far is that the investigation is under way. Some sittings have been held, and the parties concerned are setting up the secretariat required in order to carry out this work.

(Text):

BRIDGES

CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE, MONTREAL—SUGGESTED
ABOLITION OF TOLLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Bryce S. Mackasey (Verdun): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Will the government consider the abolition of tolls on the Champlain bridge, should either Point St. Charles or LaSalle be chosen as the site of the world's fair and if recommended by the newly appointed commissioner general?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The matter of the location of the fair being hypothetical at the moment, I think the question becomes even more hypothetical.