

Mr. Prittie: I have a supplementary question. Was any progress made in respect of concluding an agreement concerning the financing of this?

Mr. Pickersgill: I rather hope so.

THE BUDGET

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL MEASURES—INQUIRY AS TO PROBABLE DATE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a serious question of the Prime Minister? When does the minibudget fit into the priority scheme established for the house?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): That is one of the things which is on the priority list. I take it that my hon. friend is referring to the forthcoming baby budget. Before that is brought in it will be necessary to have the pensions legislation disposed of by the house, because it will have a bearing on the budget.

[Later:]

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question also pertains to the minibudget. Would the Prime Minister advise the Minister of Finance to take into account the money which has been found in various crevices in government departments?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Comox-Alberni.

IMMIGRATION

POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR YUGOSLAV SEAMEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether the minister is in a position to comment on a letter sent to him on November 9 on behalf of a Toronto Croatian Society concerning the regulation dealing with Yugoslav seamen, and may I ask whether the minister is in a position to reconsider the policy in dealing with these seamen who are asking for political asylum, or status of refugees?

Mr. Speaker: The question perhaps is one which should be placed on the order paper, but as hon. members recognize I have tried to be lenient this afternoon. In view of this the 23033—623½

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hon. member for Parkdale may be allowed to have his question answered.

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I understand that the people who are representing these seamen are seeing the minister this week.

OLD AGE SECURITY

AMOUNTS CREDITED TO FUND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of his reference just a moment ago to the relationship between the old age pension increase and the baby budget can he arrange with the Minister of Finance to answer by Wednesday starred question 2,069 which has been on the order paper since October 20? This has to do with the amount of taxes the government has collected for old age pensions, and the amount of money paid out, in the last three and a half years.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to discuss that with the minister tomorrow.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State which arises out of the fact that I hold in my hand an invitation to attend the ceremony for the inauguration of the Confederation Train at Point Ellis in British Columbia January next. I should like to ask the minister whether one can read from this invitation the implication that the order in council of 1871 which authorized the construction of the railway from eastern Canada to Esquimalt—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think this question is one which the Chair might be allowed to rule out of order, on the ground of urgency.

● (4.00 p.m.)

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

INTERIM SUPPLY

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$371,999,-867.43, being the aggregate of—

(a) one-twelfth of the total of all of the Items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year