

*Question of Privilege*

allowing the hon. member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Hamilton) to continue until five o'clock.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Hamilton:** Thank you. The hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Gordon) suggested it was about time we brought the Gordon Royal Commission report up to date. It is out of date. I had hoped that as a result of the amendments of the Combines Investigation Act and as a result of the budget provision in 1961 by which 150 per cent write-off provisions were made available to industry for research, that the great companies of Canada would have joined together to keep the Gordon report up to date as a service to the country and to themselves.

One of my personal disappointments was that we did not follow through and complete what we tried to do between 1957 and 1961 when we spent four years getting ready for the Resources for Tomorrow conference, which laid down the direction in which governments and private enterprise should move in making maximum use of renewable resources. The next step was to hold a conference on human resources. We have wasted these past five years. Had we held such a conference we would now have before us clear guidance as to the means of utilizing the capacity of those thousands of people who are today willing to serve our country, and who lack only the leadership to bring them into the work force where they can serve usefully.

The idea that people are handicapped or useless when they are over 65 years of age is altogether wrong. Their potential usefulness is tremendous. If we could employ these people in trouble spots to help us meet the shortage of skilled labour there would be no need to employ the restrictive devices which are used in the present budget. As I say, I think the country would have been well served had this conference on human resources been held. We made it a commitment in 1962. I hope somebody will take up this request and carry it forward, because we do need to marshal all our human resources, so that they are ready to help this nation at any time necessary.

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue):** I am sure the Minister of Finance was gratified the other night to hear the enthusiastic applause from the opposition benches as various measures were brought forward in his budget for

this coming year. I should like to join in this applause from the government side of the house and congratulate the minister on his excellent presentation.

**Mr. Churchill:** We applauded only one thing.

**Mr. Walker:** It was very good. When further measures come up, I suggest the applause will be even more sustained, as a realization of what the budget actually means seeps through.

We all understand that at this time in Canada's economic life firmness, control and a sense of confidence in the management of the country is something for which the people are looking, and something they have found in this budget.

I have other matters to discuss and I shall certainly not cover them by five o'clock. May I call it five o'clock?

**Mr. Speaker:** It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members business as listed on today's order paper, namely public bills and private bills.

## PRIVILEGE

## MR. MacINNIS—REJECTIONS OF QUESTIONS FOR ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a question of privilege occasioned by a note which was delivered to my office and in which your advice was given?

Today I placed before the Clerk of the House two questions for the order paper. In order to explain my question of privilege I should like to read those questions. The first was as follows:

1. Did the present Minister of National Health and Welfare make a public statement prior to November 8, 1965, to the effect (a) that a new wharf would be constructed at St. Peters to facilitate the loading of pulpwood and (b) that an item would be included in the 1966-67 estimates for this purpose?

2. Did the minister make a similar statement to the Richmond municipal council in February?

3. Why has such an item not been included in the 1966-67 estimates?

4. When does the government anticipate tenders will be called for this project?

The second question is as follows:

1. Did the present Minister of National Health and/or the Minister of Fisheries make a public statement or announcement prior to November 8, 1965, to the effect that a \$150,000.00 expansion would be under way at the Lindloff Fish Hatchery, Richmond County, Nova Scotia, during the spring and summer of 1966?