

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Green: The hon. member for Essex East can make as good a guess about that as I can.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): The government does not want this matter to be exposed.

INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, the question I was going to put was a question to the Secretary of State. I was going to ask the Secretary of State if he would be good enough to furnish the house with a list of those orders for returns to which returns have not yet been made. In particular, would the minister do his utmost to have a return made to question No. 123 which was made an order for return on February 14? It was a question by the hon. member for Gatineau.

Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I will make an inquiry and try to answer the question of the hon. member as soon as possible.

AGRICULTURE**BUTTER—DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John R. Matheson (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture I should like to address a question to the parliamentary secretary. It arises out of the answer given on March 8, 1962, to this question:

What is the age of the oldest butter now in storage?

The answer given was "August, 1960". Would the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Agriculture advise the house whether the government intends to place this butter, produced in August, 1960, on the market?

Mr. John Charlton (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take this question as notice in order to be able to understand it better. I could not hear the hon. member.

FORESTRY**CANADA CORNER—INQUIRY AS TO CONTRIBUTION OF CANADIAN TREES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Forestry. My question is based on an article which appeared in today's *Globe and Mail* reporting a 38 acre woodland project on the

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island of Canvey in the Thames estuary, which is being developed to contain species of every tree that grows in Canada and which is to be called Canada Corner. Is the minister aware of this plan and if so has the government made any contribution of Canadian trees towards it? If not, would the minister consider giving some tangible encouragement to this worthy project?

Hon. H. J. Flemming (Minister of Forestry): I have a copy of the hon. member's question, for which I thank him. I have not seen the article to which he refers and we have received no formal letter in connection with it. I assure him that if we do it will have the utmost consideration.

THE BUDGET**BUDGET PAPERS—INCLUSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): I wonder if I may ask the Minister of Finance if he is in a position to tell the house whether the final supplementary estimates amounting to \$138 million for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1962, are included in his estimates of expenditures contained in the white paper issued today and amounting to \$6,563 million?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pickersgill: Before they have been voted by the house?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): You have heard the observation offered by the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate from a seated position, Mr. Speaker. Let me say that if they had not been included he would be the first in the house to be shrieking and yelling and putting on another phony make-believe act, as he and his colleagues have been doing all day.

Mr. Pickersgill: I am rising on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pickersgill: The hon. gentleman, in reply to a perfectly proper, straightforward question, chose to make an utterly uncalled for personal attack upon my motives and upon my conduct in the house. It seems to me, sir, that if the hon. gentleman had done his duty properly in the house and brought the estimates before us as he should, I would have had no occasion to ask this question at all.