

Inquiries of the Ministry

answer the question I asked of him yesterday. He said he would reply today.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am ready to answer. I have made an investigation regarding the question of the hon. member and no employee of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has issued a list of people who receive welfare payments in the province of British Columbia.

[*English*]

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can he advise the house if his department is continuing to circulate among drugstores in British Columbia lists of Indians receiving welfare and entitled to free drugs?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, that question arose yesterday. We are checking into the matter at present. I do not believe that is the situation, but I shall try to give a more adequate reply tomorrow.

Mr. Simpson: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister is looking into this matter will he ascertain whether old age pension recipients are being included on lists that are being circulated?

NATIONAL SECURITY**POSSIBLE CHARGES RESPECTING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General and arises out of starred question No. 642. Has the Solicitor General consulted with the Attorney General of Ontario or any other province, or with any other authority, with respect to charges being brought against certain persons with regard to perjury in connection with false declarations in two applications for passports?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I should like to take that question as notice.

[Mr. Orlikow.]

TRADE**GRAIN—REPORT OF SCIENTISTS RESPECTING EXPORTS TO JAPAN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. On October 23 the minister took as notice a question concerning results achieved by a committee of two senior scientists sent to Japan by the Board of Grain Commissioners, as to the export and processing of Canadian grains. Does the minister now have a report to make to the house?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker. I undertook to make a report when these two gentlemen returned to Canada. I thought that would be on October 23. They were not then back in Canada and I will check to see if they are back now.

NATIONAL CAPITAL**INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development which arises from questions asked in the house on September 19 and 23 and October 21. Has a decision been reached with regard to a committee of the house to deal with matters concerning the national capital?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): No, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

FINANCE**MONTREAL—ACCREDITATION OF NEW CHARTERED BANK**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance.

Does the minister intend to recommend granting a new charter to the Montreal District and City Savings Bank which applied recently for a commercial bank charter?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me this question could be placed on the order paper.