

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

western producers. I should like to return to the substance of the question asked by the right hon. member for Prince Albert. Can the minister say whether the government is giving active consideration at the present time to the proposition that there ought to be price support somewhat along the line of the Robert Winters formula, if I may call it that, of two years ago?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, I specifically answered this question yesterday when I said that we were studying the whole situation. I said that before doing what is being requested by members, on this side too, and by members on the other side we wanted to assess the situation fully. We wanted to know the real possibilities of returning to the I.G.A. price schedule. We wanted to know how many sales the Wheat Board could make—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** A further supplementary question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. May we hope that this decision will not be too long delayed?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member may ask questions but not express hopes.

[Later:]

**Mr. Schreyer:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who was responsible for answering my question, stated that he had replied to the very same question yesterday. This is exactly what he did not do. I want to say to the minister that the time for assessment was some four months ago—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Again that is not a question of privilege.

[Translation]

**FINANCE**

## REQUEST FOR STUDY OF INTEREST RATES

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

Whereas the steady increase in interest rates is detrimental to many Canadian businesses, would the minister advise the house if he intends to find means to improve that situation?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member is asking the minister to make a general statement. I do not think his question is in order.

[Mr. Schreyer.]

[English]

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

## CONSOLIDATION OF MILITARY COLLEGES

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence to inform the house whether his department is now planning the consolidation of military colleges on one site in the Ottawa area?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I fail to see the urgency of the question asked by the hon. member. Perhaps it is the type of question that might be placed on the order paper.

**INCOME TAX**

## COLLECTION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TAX BEFORE APPROVAL

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the government house leader in his statement yesterday of the business we will deal with before we rise for the Easter recess made no mention of any legislation to amend the Income Tax Act, and in view of the fact that there is no legislation of this sort on the order paper, may I ask the minister how long the government intends to collect the 2 per cent social development tax without parliamentary approval?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will recognize—I do not think I am wrong about this—that this question has been asked before. I am not sure whether it should be allowed again today.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Months are going by and this tax is being collected without parliamentary approval. I think the country has a right to know for how much longer this situation is going to exist.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****PATENT ACT—TRADE MARKS ACT**

## EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO GRANT LICENCES—REPORT STAGE

The house resumed, from Thursday, March 27, consideration of Bill C-102, to amend the Patent Act, the Trade Marks Act and the Food and Drugs Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.