

the minister if he can advise the house when he is going to unpeg the Canadian dollar?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as I said during the course of the election campaign, it is the responsibility of all hon. members of this house, including the hon. member who just asked this question, not to cast any doubts upon the strength or permanence of the dollar.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.
(Translation):

[Later:]

Mr. Remi Paul (Berthier-Maskinonge-Delanaudiere): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

Can the minister inform the house about the pressure brought to bear by the American government in order to re-establish parity between the Canadian and the American dollar?

(Text):

Mr. Gordon: Mr. Speaker, I know of no such pressure.

[Later:]

Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance, who is watching the exchange rate on the Canadian dollar, if when there is a return to par or a movement in that exchange rate, he has made plans to take care of the losses that will be sustained by exporters of grain and cattle.

Mr. Gordon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to answer that question. Canada has a fixed exchange rate, and this government will do everything possible to see that that rate is held.

Mr. Kindt: In the event that it is not held, has the government taken into consideration any plans that will overcome the losses sustained by people who are now enjoying the exchange relationships that exist?

Mr. Gordon: So far as I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, that is a hypothetical question.

(Text):

AIR TRANSPORT

ALLEGED REFUSAL OF CANADIAN NATO DELEGATION TO USE T.C.A.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Leon Balcer (Three Rivers): I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Why has the Canadian delegation to NATO in Paris refused to fly the Atlantic by T.C.A. to attend the NATO meeting in Ottawa next week?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I shall be glad to take this question as notice and give my hon. friend a reply on Monday.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

SUGGESTED EXAMINATION OF SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the public discussion that has taken place over the past few months, is the minister prepared to recommend to the house the setting up of a select special committee to examine the functions and activities of the security and intelligence branch of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for sending me notice of his question, although I must admit I had seen it in the press some time ago. The question of the establishment of a committee to deal with a matter such as my hon. friend has in mind is not one for the minister alone to determine. It is one for the house. So far as I am concerned, I must tell my hon. friend that at this time I am not disposed to recommend to the house the establishment of such a committee to look into the functions of the branch to which he has referred.

(Translation):

TRADE

WORLD FAIR—ACCEPTANCE OF MONTREAL SITE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Could he tell the house whether the site of the world's fair to be held in Montreal in 1967 has been definitely chosen and accepted by both the federal government and himself?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the hon. member's question, I should like to say that last Sunday I sent a cablegram from Montreal to Mayor Drapeau who was then in Paris. It read as follows:

Further to our meeting of May 9 and our conversations of May 9 and 10, I am pleased to confirm the approval of the site of the 1967 world's fair as indicated in the telegram sent by the former prime minister on March 28, 1963.