

Inquiries of the Ministry

in an editorial in the *Financial Post* for Saturday, March 9, 1968?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): No, Mr. Speaker, I have had no such information.

POSSIBLE PENALTY ON WITHDRAWAL OF
MONETARY FUND CREDIT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): May I take advantage of this occasion to reply to a question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Kamloops. He asked me about the recent drawing by Canada of our credit in the International Monetary Fund, and whether any transfer tax or penalty was payable by Canada in connection with that drawing. The answer is no.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

MONTREAL—ACTION TO DEAL WITH
UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): I should like to direct a question to the minister of manpower. In view of the fact that unemployment in the city of Montreal has now reached an eight year high, is the government looking into this situation to ascertain what can be done to alleviate this serious situation?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, all our services are available to the unemployed, and we do all we can to find them employment.

[English]

Mr. Hees: May I ask a supplementary question. Is the government not looking for some constructive method of finding employment for these people who are unemployed in the city of Montreal?

DIVORCE

INQUIRY AS TO SITUATION RESPECTING
LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): My question is for the Minister of Justice, and I have just given him notice of it. Will he bring us up to date on the status of the divorce bill?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): I thank the hon. member for having sent over

[Mr. Crouse.]

a note saying he would ask this question. The developments on the divorce bill are, of course, that we have done as we have said we would. We are preparing new rules of practice for the courts which will apply under the act and next week we are meeting, amongst others, with the chief justices of the provinces to discuss this problem. They will be meeting with my officials and with me. I shall be glad to report any further developments in due course.

AIR TRANSPORT

INQUIRY AS TO CHECK ON LICENCES OF
CANADIAN PILOTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport in connection with this matter of air line pilots not having the correct licence, which is now in the news. Has the minister checked, and is he personally satisfied that every Canadian pilot has the proper licence at the present time?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I saw that report in the newspaper, Mr. Speaker. It is the kind of thing which happens from time to time and which makes cabinet ministers turn gray. There are no existing anomalies that have been brought to my attention, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Can the house be assured the minister will show some leadership on this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

FINANCE

INQUIRY AS TO NEW BOOK OF ESTIMATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the President of the Treasury Board. In view of the fact that yesterday the Minister of Finance advised the house that a new schedule of estimates would be prepared, can the President of the Treasury Board inform the house whether this means that the old book of estimates will be scrapped and a new book published?

Hon. E. J. Benson (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, we are presently looking into this matter. What we would prefer to do is simply table revised estimates for those that are being changed. If the house