

Inquiries of the Ministry

member has given is not an answer to the question. He is now making the very ruling which Your Honour alone has the right to make. I submit that the hon. member has not the right to do that.

Mr. Speaker: I permitted the question. I have nothing to do with the terms of the reply. The hon. member must take the answer that is given.

Mr. Benidickson: May I say a word on a matter of privilege?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Benidickson: The motion upon which I had assurance from the committee was a motion within the rules, and many precedents are provided for it. It was a motion that the committee seek authority from the House of Commons to have this item of business referred to it, because the committee had nothing else to do.

Mr. Speaker: I think that is scarcely a matter of privilege.

(Translation):

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**INQUIRY AS TO IDENTITY OF PRISONER
IN MONTREAL JAIL**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. J. Martel (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Could the minister tell us if her department has launched an inquiry, or is considering such action in order to establish whether one Anna Chisholm, who is now being held in a Montreal jail, is the Russian princess Anastasia Romanova, as she claims to be, according to a report in *La Presse* of March 29?

(Text):

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Since the person to whom the hon. member has referred has been in Canada, I understand, for many, many years, the question of her identity is scarcely one which would fall within the jurisdiction of my department.

IMMIGRATION**QUEBEC—REPORTED DELAY IN CLEARANCE OF
MONTREAL-BOUND PASSENGERS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and ask her whether a firm decision has been taken by the department in connection with the inconvenience and delay which is alleged in a report in the Montreal press, due to customs clearance at Quebec of passengers bound for Montreal.

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I think the hon. member made a slip of the tongue. I am sure he did not mean to say "customs clearance".

Mr. Chevrier: I am sorry; I meant in connection with immigration.

Mrs. Fairclough: I am afraid I cannot give a satisfactory answer to that question at the moment. The co-operation of the companies concerned has been sought, but I have no information other than what I read in the morning papers.

Mr. Chevrier: Has the department taken a decision as to whether it will be necessary to delay passengers bound for Montreal for a period of eight to ten hours at Quebec?

Mrs. Fairclough: There is no indication that there will be any such delay.

[Later:]

Mr. Chevrier: I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Will there be undue delay at the immigration offices in Quebec to passengers bound for Montreal, following the opening of navigation?

Mrs. Fairclough: That is a difficult question to answer. It depends on what is meant by delay, taking into consideration the length of time it has taken under another system and what it would now take to examine these passengers elsewhere, and so on. I do not think I can give a specific answer.

Mr. Chevrier: I think that is a reasonable reply, but could I ask the minister to make a statement on this matter when she has further information in connection with it?

Mrs. Fairclough: I shall be very glad to do that.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**REPORTED INTENTION TO REDUCE OVERSEAS
DIVISION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I wish to address a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence. Can the minister inform the house whether the government plans to disband one third of the R.C.A.F. division overseas when the supersonic F-104 goes into service?

Hon. Pierre Sevigny (Associate Minister of National Defence): First of all may I be permitted to make a correction in the answer I gave to the second question asked by the hon. member for Trinity today. The Minister of National Defence made comments on