

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSEREQUEST FOR REPORTS OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State may I direct my question, which is for her, to her parliamentary secretary. Would the parliamentary secretary request the printing bureau to produce the reports of the standing committee on external affairs? Other committees seem to have had their reports in prompt order, but our committee has not received its reports. We rely on the report of the previous meeting in order to carry on our next meeting.

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I will take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

NATIONAL DEFENCEREPORTED SLOWDOWN IN NAVAL
PROMOTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): My question is for the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Speaker. Has a policy or practice now been developed in his department to freeze or slow down promotions in the navy between the levels of commander and captain?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker. The promotion rates—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hellyer:—for the Canadian forces are better this year—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hellyer:—than in the last five year average.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

SELLING PRICE OF SETS OF GOLD COINS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I wish to ask the Minister of Finance a question to clarify a press release issued from his office, having [Mr. Speaker.]

to do with the issuance of the centennial gold coins. The value of the coins amounts to \$21.91, and sets of the coins are to be sold for \$40. Can the minister explain in what the \$19 difference is going to be absorbed, with relation to this set?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest this is not the type of question which should be asked at this time.

[Translation]

FINANCEREDUCTION IN DEPRECIATION ON
AUTOMOBILE EQUIPMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice, or rather to the Minister of Finance?

Does he intend to consider favourably the representations made by the Trucking Association of Quebec Inc. concerning the depreciation on automotive equipment to be reduced from 30 to 20 per cent and the sales tax of 11 per cent on the cost of retreading tires?

Mr. Speaker: That is a question of a general nature which the hon. member might put on the order paper.

[English]

CONSULTATIONS RESPECTING DISCLOSURE
BY CORPORATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is he consulting with the provinces so that the constitutional difficulties involved in working out legislation which would require full financial disclosure by corporations of their financial structure and operating results could be solved, in line with the speech he made last week in Toronto?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, we are starting these consultations in June, beginning with the securities legislation, and I am quite sure we will cover the whole field as we proceed.

HATE LITERATUREINQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION
OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask