

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member should know this is a typical question for the order paper.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**PURPORTED REPRODUCTION OF SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS ON ROYAL VISIT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): May I ask the Minister of Justice if he is now prepared to answer the question I put to him yesterday concerning the escape of confidential documents from department files to the press?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): No, Mr. Speaker, but I have asked for a report on this. I shall be able to answer on Monday, probably.

INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE BRUTALITY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): My question is for the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that the attorney general of the province of Quebec has ordered an investigation into alleged brutality by police in connection with the visit of Her Majesty the Queen, and in view of the fact that the federal government was in charge of security arrangements, is the Minister of Justice ordering a similar investigation?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): A report is forthcoming to me.

Mr. Douglas: May I ask the minister if he or the superintendent of the R.C.M. Police have received any complaints in this regard, either from citizens or from the press corps who were in attendance at the royal visit?

Mr. Favreau: So far as I am concerned, in relation to the R.C.M.P., I have received no complaints about police activities. One must realize, first of all, that local policing is under the immediate jurisdiction of the local authorities and the Quebec attorney general, and it is proper that he should have initiated the investigation into the matter. In so far as the R.C.M.P. are concerned, no complaints have been received by the Minister of Justice but numerous congratulations have been received on the conduct of the R.C.M.P. in relation to the whole coverage of the Queen's visit.

[Mr. Howard.]

FISHERIES**NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING ESTABLISHMENT OF STRAIGHT BASE LINES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Fisheries arising out of a reply he gave me yesterday to a question on the matter of base lines for fishing zones. The minister indicated that negotiations have been going on with Norway and Denmark. My question arises out of my recollection that he indicated earlier that negotiations with the United States on this subject had been completed. I am wondering, inasmuch as Norway, Denmark and these other countries are not involved on the west coast of Canada, if he could not indicate that some action is being taken at an early date with regard to the proclamation of base lines for the west coast.

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): No, Mr. Speaker, no action will be taken until all negotiations have been completed.

PRIVILEGE**MR. KNOWLES—DISCUSSION OF FINAL ENACTMENT BY CANADA AFTER REPATRIATION OF CONSTITUTION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege, which has to do with the relationship between the government and parliament. As hon. members are aware, on several occasions during the course of this session I raised the question of some final enactment by Canada as a sovereign nation in case a decision is made to repatriate our constitution. In particular I asked whether this matter would be discussed at certain recent conferences.

On Monday, August 17, as recorded in *Hansard* at pages 6909 and 6910, I put a question to the Prime Minister about this matter. In particular I asked him whether it would be discussed at Charlottetown, and he said that it would be. That answer is found on page 6910 of *Hansard*.

After the Charlottetown conference was over I asked the Prime Minister a question regarding it, which will be found on page 7608 of *Hansard* for Thursday, September 3. To be precise, I asked him whether this matter had been discussed. This was the answer of the Prime Minister: