

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Diefenbaker: Oh, no.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member says no. They even went so far as to ask him whether the government would be prepared to do the same thing in this case as was done in the Coffin case. Today the hon. member comes back to the same point and asks the Prime Minister whether he will look into this case again and take the action which he himself suggests now. The purpose of a question is to ask for information and not to give some. The hon. member is asking whether the Prime Minister will look into this case and take action, and then he goes on to suggest the action.

Mr. Diefenbaker: No.

Mr. Speaker: Yes. Of course, we are in this position at the moment. Whenever a dispute arises between an hon. member and the Speaker we do not have a copy of *Hansard* until the next day. Would the hon. member be good enough to wait until tomorrow in order to check *Hansard*, and then we can pursue the point? If he is right, I will allow him to do whatever he wishes within the rules, and if I am wrong I shall gladly apologize, and we can carry on from there.

BRITISH COLUMBIA**REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE DOLLAR ON OCCASION OF CENTENARY CELEBRATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. I have not given him notice either, but I hope he will find it a little easier than some of the other questions that were asked recently.

Has the minister given consideration to the minting of a special commemorative silver dollar in connection with the 1958 centenary celebration in the province of British Columbia?

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, representations have been made by various organizations in British Columbia, and by my colleagues the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Fisheries, and other members on this side of the house, asking for the striking of a commemorative silver dollar with respect to the occasion on which gold was found in British Columbia, I think, in 1858. Consideration has been given to the representations but no decision has been reached yet by the government.

[*Later:*]

Mr. Roland Michener (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance supplementary to

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the silver dollar question. Would the minister take into consideration the advisability of striking a gold coin as being more appropriate to celebrate the discovery of gold 100 years ago?

Mr. Martin: That is the \$64 question.

HEALTH INSURANCE**INQUIRY AS TO MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. G. J. Hahn (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is it the intention of the government to continue its determined stand that no national health program will be put into effect until such time as six provinces, representing over one-half of Canada's population, have approved the agreement, or would it consider modification of this plan to set it in operation upon the approval of any one province?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. The policy that was expressed to the conference with provincial ministers was that if and when a majority of the provinces, representing a majority of the population of Canada, wished to put into effect some scheme of hospital and diagnostic services insurance the federal government would be prepared to extend technical and financial assistance in implementing the policy.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**DR. JAMIESON—STATEMENT RESPECTING TRANSFER TO PRINCE ALBERT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Bryce) asked me a question three days ago with regard to the decision to transfer the services of the director of the hospital at Norway House. I have already discussed this matter with the hon. gentleman and in addition I would say that his services are needed at another hospital.

NORTHERN ONTARIO PIPE LINE CORPORATION**CONSTITUTION OF CROWN COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT PIPE LINE**

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the constitution of the corporation to