

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Is it not true that the solicitor for the Department of Justice requested a prison term of two or three months? Can the minister tell us if the Department of Justice gave instructions to ask for a prison term of two or three months respecting an offence which carried a maximum of 14 years in jail, and why?

**Mr. Favreau:** Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is important to point out that in this case as in others, the practice which has prevailed for many years, except in exceptional cases, has been followed.

According to this practice the solicitor of the department is instructed not to ask for a given or special prison term. According to this practice the solicitor of the department is supplied with decisions rendered in similar cases so he may, without asking for a specific term, communicate those facts to the court.

In this case, the report I have from the solicitor in charge of the appeal, Mr. Gratton, dated February 24, 1965, after the appeal was heard, is as follows: "The judge of the court of appeal asked me what I suggested. I told him that I had not received any particular mandate concerning the sentence, which was left to the discretion of the court."

[Text]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Right from the beginning I had grievous doubts as to whether this type of question should be asked. It is a detailed question concerning one particular case, and if we were to stop the business of the house for every detailed case that takes place in law we would never get anything done. It seems to me that if the hon. member wants more detail he should put his question on the order paper and get more detail in that way.

[Translation]

**Mr. Vincent:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege.

This matter of bogus bills is of a very great importance to the citizens of my area, and my constituents are asking many questions in this connection.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Surely the proper thing for the hon. member to do would be to put a detailed question on the order paper, to which he would receive a detailed answer. The answer could be given the widest possible dissemination in the local press, rather than taking up the time of the house at this time.

[Translation]

Is this on the same question?

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is a supplementary question.

Could the Minister of Justice inform the house as to whether he has received any complaints from the Liberal organizers of Drummond-Arthabaska, to the effect that they had been paid with counterfeit money at the last election?

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## FINANCE

REQUEST FOR FURTHER STATEMENT ON  
HOLDING OF BANK SHARES

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put to the Minister of Finance a question arising from his statement of last February 16. Could the minister tell the house whether that statement was made possible by another made in a report submitted to the other place, that is, the Senate?

[Text]

**Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance):** I am rather confused by the question, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure which statement we are talking about.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. May I suggest that the question be put on the order paper. It was difficult for me to hear it.

CREATION OF AGENCY TO PROVIDE FUNDS  
FOR MUNICIPALITIES

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Maurice Côté (Chicoutimi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

As shown in the January 1965 issue of *External Affairs*, funds totalling \$10 million have been made available to the Inter-American Bank for interest-free loans requiring merely fair carrying charges.

Should this then give us reason to hope that this sound policy advocated by our group will be applied to the benefit of our Canadian municipal corporations, through the establishment of a public credit bank attached to the Bank of Canada?

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**Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to look into this matter.