

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question. Could the Minister of Transport tell the house if the delay by the provincial government of Quebec in accepting the conditions is due to the very important problems facing the government of Quebec and the failure of its policy?

(Text):

HOUSING**C.M.H.C. CHECK ON FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. I should like to ask him what precautions, if any, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation takes to ensure that building contractors getting the benefits of N.H.A. lending are financially responsible, thereby giving some assurance that innocent home builders will not lose their deposit money.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): It would seem to be quite a detailed question, and I would be very happy to accept it as notice.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**HOCKEY—REQUEST FOR TELEVISION COVERAGE OF ALLAN CUP GAMES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. P. Deschatelets (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Since for the first time in 20 years the Allan cup final will be contested between a western team and a team from the province of Quebec, the powerful Montreal Olympics, and that the final series will be played entirely in the west, will the minister ask the C.B.C. to give T.V. coverage for these games of national interest?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): I shall take that matter up with the C.B.C. but in view of the fact that another important series is starting to-night and may run on for two weeks, I am not sure whether the C.B.C. will be able to make commitments with respect to alternative programs, but I shall advise the house in due course.

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the Montreal Olympics are not the eastern champions. A team from northern Ontario is still fighting in the series.

[Mr. Balcer.]

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid hon. members will be asking us to place bets if this goes on.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS**BROCKVILLE, ONT.—INQUIRY AS TO DATE OF TENDER CALL**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John R. Matheson (Leeds): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Can the minister indicate the proposed date of the tender call for construction of the new federal building in Brockville?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): The answer is today.

(Translation):

HOUSE OF COMMONS**QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTER OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Azellus Denis (St. Denis): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister. According to the *Conservateur Canadien* —

An hon. Member: Order.

Mr. Denis: Do you hear, Mr. Speaker? You know that voice.

According to the *Conservateur Canadien*, the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys (Mr. Flynn) was a lawyer and a local attorney for the wartime prices and trade board. If such was the case, does the Prime Minister think of his Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys as one of those wartime bureaucrats that he criticized lately, and for similar reasons? May I expect an answer?

An hon. Member: He does not understand French very well.

Mr. Johnson: You do not understand French very well yourself.

(Text):

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Surely the Prime Minister will answer that.

Mr. Walker: Not even the translators can.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has asked his question. I am not responsible for seeing that he gets a reply.

Mr. Pigeon: It is not an intelligent question.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member for Chambly-Rouville wishes to speak, he will take the floor.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Maurice Johnson (Chambly-Rouville): It is a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I was just taking up a remark by an hon. member of the opposition which was a rather unethical reflection on the Prime Minister.