

Inquiries of the Ministry

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
 INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF
 APPEAL BOARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has he or has the government given any further consideration to the suggestion I made on July 17, which he said might involve government policy, that an independent appeal board similar to the courtmartial appeal boards in the armed forces should be set up for the hearing of cases such as the one in Montreal that is under the minister's consideration at the moment?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Surely this is a question for the order paper. There is no pressing urgency.

Mr. Nielsen: May I respectfully submit that the urgency lies in the treatment of the human, individual and private rights of members of the R.C.M.P. I suggest that any matter involving treatment of an individual, whether he is a member of the R.C.M.P. or otherwise, is surely a matter for urgent consideration. I think the minister has given consideration to such a procedure, and I am simply asking him whether any progress has been made in setting up such a board, which I feel to be an urgent matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I believe we have had this subject before the chamber on several occasions in the last two weeks, so there is not that degree of urgency that the hon. member alleges. Furthermore, the minister has said that he has the matter under observation and consideration and will in due course make a statement. For all these reasons and many more may I suggest this is a question for the order paper.

Mr. Nielsen: I serve notice that I wish to debate the matter at ten o'clock.

FINANCE

**BANK OF CANADA HOLDINGS OF BONDS TO
 BE REDEEMED**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Bert Leboe (Cariboo): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. It has to do with the offer of \$475 million in government bonds designed to redeem some \$645 million in bonds falling due December 1 and December 15. Can the minister say whether the Bank of Canada holds any of

the bonds to be redeemed and, if so, how many?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in the first place the bonds to be redeemed on the 1st and 15th of December total \$465 million, not some \$645 million. I will be glad to look into the matter and advise my hon. friend tomorrow.

**FAMILY ALLOWANCES—PROPOSED TIE TO
 COST OF LIVING INDEX**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister?

Since we are now considering a national pension plan related to the cost of living, would the Prime Minister tell us whether the government intends to introduce soon an amendment to the Family Allowances Act so that they might also be increased according to the cost of living index? Will such an amendment be introduced in 1964?

[*Text*]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This is a matter of financial policy which cannot be answered on orders of the day.

AIR CANADA

**INQUIRY AS TO SERVICE FROM HALIFAX
 TO BERMUDA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gerald A. Regan (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister now in a position to inform the house whether negotiations have been completed for the establishment of an Air Canada service from Halifax to Bermuda?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Obviously at this time of the year this is a very important and even necessary question, but it is a question for the order paper.

Mr. Regan: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. This matter is of very great importance from the point of view of trade and has been under consideration for some period of time, I understand.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Regan: I will raise the matter at ten o'clock.