

a very considerable amount of work has been involved in getting these payments out. I shall make inquiries, and I may be able to give the hon. member a report to-morrow.

Mr. PERLEY: Read the report of the committee on agriculture, where the question was asked and answered.

### INTERNMENTS

MR. CAMILLIEN HOUDE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. LIGUORI LACOMBE (Laval-Two Mountains) (Translation): I wish to ask the hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent) a question. Has he received the medical report following the examination of Mr. Camillien Houde, together with the document he is supposed to have signed?

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice) (Text): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has inquired if I have received a report from the physicians concerning the physical condition of Mr. Camillien Houde, and if I have received a certain document he is supposed to have signed. I know of no document he is supposed to have signed, and I have not yet received any report from the medical men who, I understand, have made a physical examination of Mr. Houde. I inquired this morning, and no report had yet reached the Department of Justice.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I suggest that this question might have been placed on the order paper. Any further questions along this line will certainly have to be so dealt with.

### HOUSING

UNITS FOR SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS—SALE OF HOUSES TO PRESENT OCCUPANTS—EVICTION OF FAMILIES OF ENLISTED MEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. LIONEL CHEVRIER (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Munitions and Supply): On Friday of last week the hon. member for York West (Mr. Adamson) asked if a conference had taken place between Wartime Housing Limited and the Soldiers' Dependents' Society of Toronto, with regard to the building of one hundred units for soldiers' dependents. The answer is yes, and a contract has been entered into between Wartime Housing Limited and the city of Toronto for the construction of a certain number of these houses. Construction will proceed shortly.

The hon. member for Cumberland (Mr. Black) asked if any steps were being taken by the department to facilitate the sale of

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wartime houses to war workers who are now occupying them. Thus far it has been the practice of the department to refuse to sell wartime houses under any circumstances, the reason being that these houses are considered necessary for essential war purposes. If there is to be a change in this practice it will be a matter of government policy which will be announced in due course.

Mr. GRAYDON: Is the parliamentary assistant yet in position to answer the question I propounded to him, I think either on Thursday or Friday, with respect to eviction or removal from wartime housing accommodation of dependents of war workers who had enlisted.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I received the clipping from my hon. friend this morning only and I am not yet in position to make a reply. I will do so as soon as I can.

Mr. ADAMSON: The position of the soldiers' dependents is frequently desperate, and these houses are urgently needed.

### THE BUDGET

DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed from Monday, July 3, consideration of the motion of Hon. J. L. Ilsley (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, and the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Rowe.

Mr. KARL K. HOMUTH (Waterloo South): Mr. Speaker, there is an old adage that chickens will come home to roost. Considered in relation to the problems with which this government is faced, perhaps no truer statement was ever made. Some of these old ghostly, moulting and non-productive chickens are coming home to the Liberal government hencoop. Their condition is such that they threaten to destroy the whole flock. It is with some of those chickens that I wish to deal to-day, because they have cost and are costing the Dominion of Canada millions of dollars.

As I sit in the house I often wonder what passes through the mind of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) as he sits gazing around the house and counting the number of parties therein. I look back a few years when the Prime Minister stood in his place in this house, pointed to the third party which then existed and asked, "Who is responsible for that?" He said, "The Conservative party is responsible. Why are they responsible?" The reply was, "Because they have brought so