Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaïmo-Cowichanreopen a case not very long ago concerning a man in the armed forces, the case of Gordon Knott?

Mr. Pearson: That is right, but I am being asked whether we would make the new procedure retroactive to cover all cases in the past, and I think that would be undesirable.

Mr. Orlikow: May I ask the Prime Minister if the new procedures have been embodied in written regulations or in written form. If so, will they be made available to the house?

Mr. Pearson: They will be embodied in written regulations and in written form. I will be glad to look into the question of whether they could be made available to the house, but I would point out that it would be undesirable to make these regulations at the present time. We are having a debate on the subject, and some good suggestions were made the other night. I do not think we should put these regulations into written form until the debate is concluded.

## ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

REPORTED INTENTION TO MOVE FROM OTTAWA TO HULL

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works.

In view of the contradictory reports concerning the future location of the royal mint, could the minister inform the house of the government's intentions in that respect?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I read an article in Saturday's newspaper which confirmed what everybody knows, that is that the hon. member for Hull looks most actively after the interests of his riding.

However, I must say that no decision has been made concerning the possible relocation of the royal mint and that no new site has been chosen in case it were moved.

Mr. Martineau: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

In view of the reference made by the minister with respect to the hon. member for Hull, could he tell us if there are grounds for his remarks on this matter?

Mr. Deschatelets: Would you kindly repeat the last part of your question?

Mr. Martineau: I would like to know whether the remarks made by the hon. member for Hull are founded.

[Mr. Pearson.]

Mr. Deschatelets: Mr. Speaker, if the re-The Islands): Did not the government actually marks made by the hon. member for Pontiac-Temiscamingue are meant to find out how I might feel about such a project, I must tell him that I am always favourably inclined towards any project that would benefit the city of Hull.

> Mr. Caouette: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker-

> Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Public Works. Can he tell the house if he intends to reach a decision about that matter soon, so that one may know if the mayor of Ottawa has more influence than the hon, member for Hull?

> Mr. Deschatelets: Mr. Speaker, that decision will have to be taken by the government, and the house will be told about it in due course.

> Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, is the Minister of Public Works suggesting that the hon. member for Hull is making irresponsible statements in the press to the effect that the mint would be moved to Hull?

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

EXTENSION OF SALARY INCREASES TO RECENTLY RETIRED CIVIL SERVANTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the gross injustice felt by those affected, will the government reconsider its decision not to grant retroactive pay increases to federal civil servants who were on strength after the effective date of such increases but who had retired before they were announced?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): This question has been raised on a number of occasions, and I have nothing further to add on the subject.

Mr. Knowles: Would the hon. gentleman and the government reconsider this matter before we reach the point where we have to approve of the government's decision by voting for a certain dollar item in the estimates?

GLASSCO COMMISSION-IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the President of the Privy Council a question. In view of the very widespread interest in the matter, would the minister