Notices of Motions

and the presidents of the Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges on the other.

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES

ROYAL COMMISSION ON BICULTURALISM-TABLING OF PROVINCIAL REPLIES

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on May 20 I tabled in the house a copy of the letter I wrote to the premiers of all the provinces on May 15 concerning a royal commission of inquiry on biculturalism and bilingualism. I would now like to table copies, in French and in English, of the answers I have received to my letter.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would think that copies of those letters should be made part of Hansard, because they are of general interest.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that these letters be made part of Hansard?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's note: For correspondence referred to above, see appendix "B".]

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

REFERENCE OF ELECTIONS ACT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Government notices of motion:

That the standing committee on privileges and elections be empowered to study the Canada Elections Act, and the several amendments thereto suggested by the chief electoral officer; and to report to the house such proposals relating to the said act as the committee may deem to be advisable.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of standing order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the house.

RAILWAYS, AIR LINES AND SHIPPING

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS, AIR LINES AND SHIPPING OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT

On the order: Government notices of motion:

That a sessional committee on railways, lines and shipping owned and controlled by the government be appointed to consider the accounts, estimates and bills relating to the Canadian National Railways and Trans-Canada Air Lines and such other matters as may be placed before it, saving always the powers of the committee of supply in relation to the voting of public moneys, and that the said committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time, and that notwithstanding standing

Clerk of the Privy Council on the one hand order 67 in relation to the limitation of the number of members, the said committee shall consist of 26 members.

> Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of standing order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the house.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

(Translation):

WORLD FAIR SITE-TELEGRAM FROM MONTREAL MAYOR

Question No. 449-Mr. Valade:

1. What is the nature of the wire sent by the mayor of Montreal to the Minister of Public Works on May 12, 1963, concerning the site of the 1967 world fair?

2. What was the minister's final reply to this wire?

Mr. Badanai: 1. The Minister of Public Works did not receive a telegram dated May 12, 1963 from the mayor of Montreal.

2. Not applicable.

(Text):

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS TO PROVINCES

Question No. 588-Mr. Mather:

Has the government given consideration to the advisability of equalizing educational opportunity throughout Canada by granting financial aid to provinces for that purpose?

Mr. Dupuis: The purpose of the equalization payments under the tax sharing arrangements of 1956 was to make it financially possible for all the provinces, whatever their tax base, to perform their constitutional functions themselves and to provide a reasonable Canadian level of provincial services without an abnormal burden of taxation and that remains the policy of the present government.

FLOOD EXPENDITURES, INDIAN VILLAGE, AIYANSH, B.C.

Question No. 649-Mr. Howard:

1. How much money, for what purpose, and by whom, has been spent as a result of the flood at the Indian village of Aiyansh, B.C., since the time of that flood?

2. Was any total amount of money set aside, allocated, or determined as a ceiling of expenditure for the said flood and, if so, what was that amount, and how much is left unexpended?

Mr. Munro:

1. Housing	\$ 28,665.02
Economic development, saw	
mills, boats, etc.	5,717.44
Roads, water supplies, etc.	43,252.32
Repairs to school buildings	23,665.18
Miscellaneous	939.19
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[Mr. Pearson.]