

*Inquiries of the Ministry*LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH INDIAN  
CLAIMS COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** May I ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration whether he can state with more precision, now, just when either the resolution or the bill relating to the Indian claims commission will be introduced in the house?

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** As I have said earlier, it will be introduced before the end of the present session.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
PROBLEMS OF INTEGRATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Arnold Webster (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Is it true that Professor Harry Hawthorne, of the University of British Columbia, has been appointed to conduct a study across Canada into the problem of how to encourage our native Indian population to integrate more quickly into Canadian society?

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for having given me ample notice of his question, which I shall now answer in French.

[*Translation*]

It gives me pleasure to inform the hon. member and the house that we have undertaken a three-year research program to determine to what extent the Indians in all parts of Canada share in the social and economic life of our country.

This survey is designed to provide comprehensive data from which to draw basic principles for the setting up of the policy and general program we shall have to follow in future if we wish to promote the welfare and progress of the Indian population of Canada.

Mr. H. B. Hawthorne, of the University of British Columbia, and Mr. Adelard Tremblay, of Laval University, have undertaken, as director and assistant director, the carrying out of this extensive research project.

Specialists and research assistants attached to Canadian universities and research centres will be charged with various sections of the programs as required. The research work will apply to four important aspects of the Indian question: economic development, promotion of education, present-day responsibilities at various government levels, band councils and progress toward administrative autonomy.

[Mr. Pearson.]

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BRITISH COLUMBIA—INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF LIAISON COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Before I resume my seat—which is an unparliamentary way of saying “while I am on my feet”—may I answer a question put to me last week by the hon. member for Skeena as to whether or not the government made a commitment to one H. Castilou of British Columbia to the effect that there would be an Indian liaison committee appointed consisting of parliamentarians and advisers for the purpose of making annual visits to various Indian villages in British Columbia.

I must tell the hon. member that though the purpose might be laudable, for the moment, the answer is no.

## LOTTERIES

## INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF CRIMINAL CODE

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Could the minister tell the house whether, following the federal-provincial conference, the Criminal Code will be amended so that provinces which so desire may set up lotteries?

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, this is the third time since the opening of the conference that this question is asked. All I can say is that the government will take into consideration the representations which were made.

**Mr. Pigeon:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. So, contrary to what was reported in the press, no decision has been taken?

**Mr. Chevrier:** Absolutely no, Mr. Speaker.

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## DEFENCE PRODUCTION

REQUEST THAT CONVERSION OF DESTROYER  
ESCORTS BE DONE IN B.C.

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Defence Production. In view of the grave concern of B.C. shipyards, which will now be aggravated by the statement made by the minister on motions, would the minister say whether the conversion of the two remaining St. Laurent class destroyer escorts will be carried out by B.C. shipyards?