

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CANADIAN FLAG**PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AFTER ADOPTION
OF RESOLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, would the Prime Minister advise the house whether the unofficial official visit of the Minister of Transport to Buckingham palace had anything to do with the flag question? Would he also advise whether consideration has been given to the fact that use of the union jack, being the flag of the United Kingdom, by any other part of the commonwealth as a commonwealth flag would require the consent of the British government, and possibly statutory action in that connection?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the first part of the question I answered yesterday. The second part of the question I will be glad to deal with when the resolution is before the house.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, we do not have to wait for three or four weeks. The Prime Minister has tabled a telegram which he sent to the premier of Newfoundland. Surely parliament is entitled to the information made available for placatory purposes in connection with the premier of Newfoundland. According to the telegram the Prime Minister said:

We have not yet decided whether there should be a royal proclamation to establish the national flag and a separate proclamation to recognize the union jack as the symbol of Canada's membership in the commonwealth of nations and our allegiance to the crown but there is no question of our intention to recommend that both be proclaimed by the Queen.

Has the Queen been made aware of the undertakings given by the government, through the Prime Minister, to the premier of Newfoundland?

Mr. Pearson: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The telegram to the premier of Newfoundland dealt solely with procedure, a procedure which has been followed in the past in matters of this kind by which the government passes an order in council and the order in council is followed by a royal proclamation. This was the procedure followed in the establishment of a Canadian coat of arms and on similar occasions, and is the normal procedure in these matters.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Does the Prime Minister say that ever before the flag of one of the

2. Marmot Basin Ski-Lifts Ltd., tendered to instal a T-bar lift 2,685 feet in length, a chalet for day use and related facilities estimated to cost \$94,710. Marmot Territory Development Ltd., tendered to instal a pomalift of 2,500 feet in length, a chalet for day use and related facilities to a total value of \$93,500.

3. No; when the Rayner concession was granted in December, 1962, it was made clear that it conveyed no exclusive possessory rights. The crown has accepted no obligation to protect Mr. Rayner's situation in the event of other developments in the Marmot basin. Mr. Rayner has explicitly accepted this position.

**QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS
FOR RETURNS**

INSTRUCTIONS TO SURVEY PARTIES

Question No. 687—Mr. Smith:

1. What are the directions, instructions, regulations or orders given to survey parties regarding (a) purchasing of materials and supplies used in their duties (b) hiring of men?

2. Within the last year, have these regulations been changed and, if so, in that particular way?

Return tabled.

SERVICE CONTRACTS, CAMP GAGETOWN

Question No. 968—Mr. MacRae:

1. What service contracts have been awarded by the Department of Defence Production for Camp Gagetown for the fiscal year April 1, 1964 to March 31, 1965?

2. Who submitted tenders and what was the amount of each tender?

Return tabled.

PURCHASE OF MATTRESSES FOR ARMED FORCES

Question No. 1,195—Mr. Côté (Chicoutimi):

1. How many mattresses were purchased for the three armed services by the Department of Defence Production in 1962 and 1963?

2. What were the sizes and specifications required?

3. What price was paid for each category of mattress and were they purchased through tender, or otherwise?

4. Who manufactured the mattresses?

Return tabled.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS PLACED WITHOUT TENDERS

Question No. 182—Mr. Pigeon:

What is the total amount of all the contracts awarded or orders placed without public tenders, since April 22, 1963, for each individual government department and crown corporation?

Return tabled.