

Impending Royal Visit

1967 at which time the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons will each present a loyal address to Her Majesty.

Following these addresses Her Majesty will deliver a special centennial address. Later on July 1 a reception will be held for members of both houses of parliament and their wives at which Her Majesty will attend.

Other details of the program for the royal visit are now being worked out and will be announced in due course from the office of the commissioner general for visits of state. I felt that I should make an announcement of plans for this meeting in the national capital at this time, so that members of parliament and senators may make their plans accordingly.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a very welcome announcement the Prime Minister has made, that Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will come to Canada for the celebration of our centennial. I am sure all Canadians will be happy with this announcement that the Queen of Canada will be with them on this occasion. I am also sure the Prime Minister has conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness that they will be received in Canada with courtesy and a warm welcome.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I am sure all hon. members and the people of Canada will be very happy at the announcement the Prime Minister has just made. It will give great emphasis to our centennial celebrations to have Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in this country. I am also sure that their visit will help to cement further those ties of loyalty which the Canadian people have to the crown, to the commonwealth and to the principles of democracy and justice which they represent.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, members of our group were glad to hear the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) inform hon. members that Her Majesty the Queen is planning a visit to Canada next June 29 and will, on that occasion, visit Expo '67 and address members of both houses.

Mr. Speaker, a visit by Her Majesty during our centennial year means that Canada is worthy of such a visit by Her Majesty, and

[Mr. Pearson.]

we should be proud of this fact. Hon. members and, indeed, all Canadian citizens must endeavour to give the Queen a fitting reception. As far as I know, Mr. Speaker, the Queen was never the cause of any trouble in our province, except for a disturbance by a few on one occasion. As French Canadians and plain Canadians, we bid her welcome.

I hope her stay will be a pleasant one and that her return to England will be filled with happy memories of Canada. I should like her to be sure that Canada will make as much progress over the next one hundred years and that, just as any other head of state, she will always be welcome in Canada.

[*English*]

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Social Credit party I join with the other party representatives in the house in welcoming the announcement the Prime Minister has just made. Certainly we are more than pleased that the Queen of Canada will be able to visit this country during the 100th anniversary of Canada's confederation. It is, I think, a very excellent thing that Her Majesty the Queen will be able to be with us on July 1. I could not help but think, as we listened to the announcement, that it would have been a wonderful birthday present for Canada if the provincial premiers and the federal government could have agreed on an amending formula for our constitution, so the Queen could have carried it back with her after her visit with us on July 1. We join in the expression of loyalty and gratitude to Her Majesty that she will be able to be with us.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CANADA BONDS HELD BY CANADIANS

Question No. 2,246—**Mr. Godin:**

1. What is the amount of Canada bonds held by Canadian individuals?
2. What amount of interest is received by these individuals?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Government of Canada bond issues other than Canada savings bonds are in both bearer and registered form and it is not possible to establish the amount held by Canadian individuals. Canada savings bonds may only be purchased by Canadian individuals and for the purpose of answering the question it has been interpreted as referring only to Canada