Inquiries of the Ministry COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Prime Minister. As it is nearly one year since the initial announcement was made with regard to the Company of Young Canadians; since we are fast approaching the time when young people will be considering involvement in this endeavour for the beginning of the term of September, 1966, I wonder whether we could have some indication from the Prime Minister as to when some legislation with respect to the Company of Young Canadians might be placed before this house.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should be very happy indeed if we could get this legislation before the house, but how soon that will be after the Easter recess will depend, of course, on the progress we make in regard to other legislation. The interim director of the company and the interim board are holding meetings over the week end, and I hope to be able to make a statement next week, before the Easter recess.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

QUESTIONING OF DRAFT DODGERS IN CANADA BY F.B.I.

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): While I am on my feet I might answer a question asked yesterday by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition, as to whether any arrangement has been made with the authorities of the United States whereby agents of the federal bureau of investigation may enter Canadian homes for the purpose of questioning alleged draft dodgers, without the presence of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or without the consent of that body.

I have checked into this matter, Mr. Speaker, and I wish to confirm that there are no such arrangements.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask a question arising out of the answer made by the right hon. gentleman. Has the Prime Minister not received any complaints from at least two places across Canada that investigations are brought before the house?

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

being carried on by F.B.I. agents or representatives of the United States who, unaccompanied by the R.C.M.P., have been making searches in Canada?

Mr. Pearson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have received such complaints, and I am informed that inquiries in Canada requested by the federal bureau of investigation are normally conducted, when they are required to be conducted, by the R.C.M. Police, or the police force having local authority.

The hon. gentleman may recall that there is on the order paper question 1151 of March 24, dealing with certain specific complaints. There will be a reply to that question either next Monday or at the latest next Wednesday, going into the matter in greater detail.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

REGINA, SASK .- INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. K. H. More (Regina City): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. In view of the announcement in today's press of the appointment of a judge to the citizenship court in Sudbury, can the minister tell the house when a similar announcement will be made about Regina?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Very shortly, Mr. Speaker.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT ON PENSION COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Loney (Bruce): My question, Mr. Speaker, is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs, or in his absence it may be addressed to the acting minister. On March 21 in reply to a question the minister stated that the inquiry into the procedures and organization of the Canadian Pension Commission being conducted by Mr. Justice Wood would complete its hearings either late this month or early next month.

Would the minister inform the house whether the inquiry has completed its hearings? If so, when does he expect the report will be available?

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise as to when the amendments to the pension legislation, which the minister promised in 1964, will be