

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence): I will have to take that as notice. I do not think we contemplate an early closing but I will look into the matter and let the hon. member know.

[Later:]

Mr. Pearkes: May I confirm the answer I gave to the hon. member for Trinity regarding Mount Hope airport. There is no intention of closing it in the immediate future. There are certain changes being introduced for the purpose of efficiency and economy but there is no intention of closing the airport.

Mr. Hellyer: May I direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration? Is she pleased to hear the minister's answer to the question?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): With regard to the conversations which have taken place between this minister and my colleague, yes.

HOUSING**C.M.H.C.—INQUIRY AS TO DIRECT LOANS TO BUILDERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Will the minister make a statement to the house soon clarifying details in respect of direct lending through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for 1960, and in particular the details of eligibility for applicants earning less than \$5,000 annually?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): I will be very glad to consider that request and go into the matter with officials of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**"INVITATION TO CANADA"—INQUIRY AS TO FRENCH VERSION OF PUBLICATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alexis Caron (Hull): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. This morning I received a copy of a very beautiful and artistic publication entitled "Invitation to Canada".

(Translation):

This copy of *Invitation to Canada* is a pre-publication issue made by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. (Text):

Are we to understand that there will not be any French version of this publication?

[Mr. Hellyer.]

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I believe there was a French version but I will take this as notice and look into it.

AGRICULTURE**MANITOBA—INQUIRY AS TO MEETING OF PREMIER WITH MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether he has recently received a visit from the premier of Manitoba to discuss agricultural matters, and can he clear up the mystery surrounding this visit?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): There is no mystery that I know of in connection with the matter. The premier of Manitoba did come to see me the day before yesterday. We had a general discussion on various matters, and I have nothing to report to the house in connection with it.

Mr. Pickersgill: Has the minister seen the report in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, for March 23, which discussed this as a mystery visit to Ottawa and indicated the premier could not give any information about it.

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is one of those questions that there has been some controversy about. In my opinion without any further thought, it is not a proper question; it is simply asking for verification.

Mr. Pickersgill: I was not asking for any verification. I simply asked the minister whether he had seen the report.

Mr. Speaker: If that is it, it is not perhaps a relevant question at all.

SUPPLY**INTERIM SUPPLY**

The house resumed from Thursday, March 24, consideration in committee of supply of the following resolution—Mr. Fleming—Mr. Flynn in the chair.

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$603,488,902.52, being the aggregate of (a) one sixth of the total of the amounts of the items set forth in the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1961, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, \$593,558,978.34; (b) seven twelfths of the amount of item 212 of the said estimates, \$904,166.67; (c) one third of the amount of item 36 of the said estimates, \$216,666.67; (d) one sixth of the total of the amounts of items 176, 183 and 184 of the said estimates, \$615,247.00; (e) one-twelfth of the total of the amounts of items 62, 263, 367, 394, 460 and 463 of the said estimates, \$8,193,843.84; be granted to Her Majesty on account of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1961.