

that the government has chosen, and whether the hon. gentleman can report to the House today any results of that investigation?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, because the government takes this matter seriously an investigation was launched immediately the report was heard on the radio this morning—

**An hon. Member:** Which report?

**Mr. Sharp:** —and we read the report that appeared in the *Gazette* this morning. The procedure ordinarily followed is being followed here, namely, that of departmental and interdepartmental inquiries. If necessary, the matter will be put into the hands of the police.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Stanfield:** The Acting Prime Minister has just stated that an investigation was launched this morning. If he takes this matter so seriously I should like to ask him why an investigation was not launched last Saturday when an excerpt from what purported to be a cabinet document, which was reported in the press of this country to be a confidential cabinet document, was published? If the hon. gentleman takes this matter seriously, has he any explanation why an investigation was not launched when it first became apparent that there was in fact a serious breach of cabinet security?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I gathered from the question that was put to me yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition that he had had access to some documents of which I was not aware at that time. I now find that there appeared in one newspaper on Saturday, one that I had not seen and that the Prime Minister had not seen, what purported to be an extract from a cabinet document. If at that time we had realized that the document had been revealed, then the inquiry would have been launched immediately. One was launched as soon as there was some evidence that there had been a breach of cabinet security.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, is the hon. gentleman saying that no member of the cabinet or of the staff of the Prime Minister's office or any of the large number of officials retained to advise the Prime Minister were aware on Saturday that this quotation from what purported to be a confidential cabinet document had been published in the press? Will the hon. gentleman say to me, through you, sir, that neither he nor the Prime Minister of this country was advised that this publication did in fact take place on Saturday last?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition seems to have been better informed about cabinet leaks than I was. The first news I had of this cabinet leak was this morning when I listened to the radio and then read that what purported to be a cabinet document, which, as I have said, has some discrepancies in it, had come into the hands of the press. Perhaps the hon. gentleman has better access to leaks from the cabinet than I have.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the Leader of the Opposition for the purpose of asking a

*Division*

supplementary question and then the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands on a supplementary.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the kind of answers we are getting this afternoon, pursuant to Standing Order 25 I move the adjournment of the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. May we have order, please. The Leader of the Opposition has not indicated whether he has a seconder for the motion.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I second the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? All those in favour will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**Mr. Speaker:** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Stanfield) which was negatived on the following division:

• (2:30 p.m.)

YEAS

Messrs:

Aiken	Lambert
Alexander	(Bellechasse)
Alkenbrack	Lambert
Asselin	(Edmonton West)
Baldwin	Laprise
Barnett	Lewis
Beaudoin	Lundrigan
Bell	MacDonald
Benjamin	(Egmont)
Bigg	MacInnis (Cape
Blackburn	Breton-East
Broadbent	Richmond)
Burton	MacInnis (Mrs.)
Cadieu	MacKay
Carter	MacLean
Coates	Macquarrie
Code	MacRae
Crouse	McCutcheon
Danforth	McGrath
Diefenbaker	McKinley
Dinsdale	McQuaid
Dionne	Mather
Douglas	Matte
Flemming	Mazankowski
Gauthier	Monteith
Gilbert	Muir
Gleave	Murta
Godin	Nesbitt
Grills	Nielsen
Gundlock	Noble
Hales	Nowlan
Harding	Nystrom
Harkness	Orlikow
Hees	Paproski
Howe	Peddle