

Both questions are very simple and both ministers concerned are present. One reads:

Where is the office of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration?

The second one reads:

Where is the office of the Minister of National Health and Welfare?

Surely those questions could be answered without delay.

Mr. Stewart: Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that the delay here is due to the problem of interpreting the precise meaning of the word "office". Does this refer to a place, or does it refer to a particular legal function performed by the minister? When this question has been dealt with, the answers will be forthcoming.

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the statement made a moment ago by the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State, to the effect that it is apparently impossible to define the words "in the office of a minister", can the Minister of Justice have an investigation made as to how it was possible on April 10 and May 22 to pass orders in council appointing certain people to employment in the offices of certain ministers? Will he check to see whether those orders in council were valid?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): I will with pleasure, Mr. Speaker.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, motions Nos. 127, 128, 129, 130, and 131 are acceptable. I ask that notice of motion No. 123 be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Motion No. 123 stands.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

Motion No. 127—Mr. Pigeon:

That an order of the house do issue for copies of all resolutions from Canadian municipal authorities received by the Prime Minister since the introduction of the proposed resolutions concerning the two flags and the two anthems appearing on the order paper as items 44 and 45?

Motion agreed to.

Inquiries of the Ministry

DIRECTORS OF CHARTERED BANKS

Motion No. 128—Mr. Orlikow:

That an order of the house do issue for a return showing the names and addresses of all directors of chartered banks in Canada as of June 11, 1964.

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT RESPECTING FLAG

Motion No. 129—Mr. Pascoe:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all letters, telegrams, and documents exchanged between the Prime Minister or any minister acting on his behalf and the premier or any minister of the government of Newfoundland regarding a flag.

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING FILM ON PRIME MINISTER

Motion No. 130—Mr. Fisher:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Prime Minister's office and the C.B.C. regarding the film project, "Mr. Pearson", including the letter from Richard Ballentine which may have set out the right of the Prime Minister's office to limit or censor the film and the letter from Mr. Reeves Hagan to the Prime Minister's office which may have redefined the limits set out in the Ballentine letter.

Motion agreed to.

PAYMENTS TO SENATORS AND MEMBERS

Motion No. 131—Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):

That an order of the house do issue for a return showing payments of indemnity and allowances under Senate and House of Commons Act since October 1, 1963.

Motion agreed to.

FINANCE

INCREASED DEFICIT IN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Digby-Annapolis-Kings): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Minister of Finance has informed us that he just returned last night he may not be conversant with the figures released this morning by the dominion bureau of statistics with respect to our balance of payments position, and the rather surprising increase in our deficits in the quarter just past as compared with the same quarter last year. The minister may have information with respect to that, but I would appreciate it if he would