

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Will the minister obtain a detailed report in respect of the particular situation and make a report to the house to alleviate the fears which exist in Halifax and Saint John?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, the minister will do everything he can to alleviate any justifiable fears.

**EXPO '67****CONSIDERATION OF FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is it the minister's intention to refer all aspects of Expo '67 in which the federal government is involved to a special committee of the house?

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I have only had a brief opportunity to look into the federal government's jurisdiction over Expo '67. It will be a wonderful asset. I find it to be a creditable performance and a great tribute to what Canada can do. I am sure it will reflect the best of Canada in the eyes of the world, and I am proud to be associated with it. To the extent that I have observed the situation I can say this will be a very creditable operation, and I will take under consideration the matter of whether in my opinion it should be referred to a committee of the house.

**FINANCE****REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF SALES TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Has the minister or the government contemplated or given consideration to the removal of the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials, which has proved to be very burdensome and inflationary?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, although I have only been Minister of Finance for a very short period of time I have already learned that it is dangerous to disclose budget secrets.

**Mr. Hales:** I have a supplementary question. While the minister is reflecting and giving consideration to this suggestion, will he seriously consider removing the 11 per

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cent sales tax on building materials for Y.M.C.A. buildings, churches and other civic structures financed by donations?

**NATIONAL PARKS****BANFF AND JASPER—CONSIDERATION OF GRIEVANCES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. M. Horner (Jasper-Edson):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, who I understand has taken over the responsibilities in respect of national parks, for which the people in Jasper and Banff gave a sigh of relief. Is the minister now ready to set up a board of inquiry, as promised by the Prime Minister in Calgary during the election campaign, to hear the grievances of the people in these two townsites in our national parks?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pépin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** Mr. Speaker, I am quite sure the people of Canada will be pleased to learn that there has been no change in respect of our parks.

**Mr. Horner (Jasper-Edson):** If there has been no change perhaps I should direct my question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Is that hon. gentleman ready to set up a committee of inquiry to study the whole question of the government's approach to leasing and its treatment of the people in Jasper and Banff, as the Prime Minister promised during the election campaign?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** Mr. Speaker, we have had a continuing series of discussions with the people living in our national parks and have arrived at certain understandings. I cannot accept for one minute the statement made by the hon. gentleman in his question that there is great consternation in those areas.

**Mr. Lambert:** Come off it.

**Mr. Laing:** I am stating the facts, and I am in touch with the people living in those parts.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****COMPLAINTS RESPECTING RECENT TELEVISION BROADCASTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. I am sure the hon. lady