

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): It will be on the order paper very soon, I hope, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry it is not on yet.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**INCLUSION OF OPTOMETRISTS IN HEALTH RESOURCES FUND TEAMS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will optometrists be included in the teams which are to be set up under the health resources fund, as recently announced by the minister, to ease the acute manpower situation in health care fields?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I am sorry, I missed the first part of the question.

Mr. McCleave: I asked if optometrists would be included in the teams that the minister has announced are to be set up under the health resources fund.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should place that question on the order paper.

Mr. McCleave: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

VETERANS AFFAIRS**BRITISH COLUMBIA—INVESTIGATION INTO CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES ASSOCIATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. A. Webb (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring my question to the attention of the Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs. On November 25, 1966, as reported on page 10345 of *Hansard* the hon. member for Kootenay West asked whether the minister had received any complaints of grave injustices suffered by some members of The 3 Cee's Association, Vancouver-Victoria island division. Can the minister advise the house whether that question has been looked into at this time?

I also wish to ask a supplementary question. Perhaps the minister could answer it tomorrow. Has the government considered appointing a committee to investigate the administration of the association and to ensure that members of the association are heard at meetings?

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult for the Chair to recall whether the question was accepted in

the first instance. If it was, then I assume that in due course the minister will wish to answer it. If it was not, the question ought to be placed on the order paper.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): May I ask a supplementary question in the minister's absence. If the minister does not see fit to appoint a board or committee, would he consider inviting the representatives of this organization to make representations to the standing committee on veterans affairs?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): I shall be glad to bring this subject to the attention of the minister.

EXPO '67**INQUIRY AS TO USE OF FORGED PASSPORTS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Has the minister any evidence showing that forged passports were used at Expo?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, no direct evidence has come to my attention.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister look into this matter?

Mr. Winters: I shall be happy to do so.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I wonder how urgent this question is.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY**REPORTED LAY-OFFS OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. Has the minister received a communication from lodge 419 of the brotherhood of maintenance of way employees in regard to large lay-offs of their membership by the Canadian Pacific? These lay-offs are alleged to have been brought about by a decline or recession in business. Would the minister look into the matter and make a statement in the house?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): May I take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker.