

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY****PERMISSION TO INCREASE PASSENGER FARES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. E. Pascoe (Moose Jaw-Lake Centre): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. I have a news report indicating a substantial increase in passenger fares by the Canadian Pacific Railway over the Christmas-New Year holiday season. Was it necessary for the C.P.R. to obtain permission from the Board of Transport Commissioners to introduce this increase in fares, which in some cases amounts to a boost of more than 30 per cent, or was the company able to raise these fares without such consent?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question as asked is not in order. It is not in order for the hon. member to ask whether authority was obtained. Perhaps the question might be rephrased or reworded in a way which would make it possible for the Chair to accept it.

Mr. Pascoe: It is an important question at this time of the month. Is the minister aware of this increase, and has he any comment to make on it?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I am afraid the minister is not aware of it—or was not aware of it until the hon. member was good enough to send him a note. However, the minister will look into it.

THE BUDGET

**ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL MEASURES—
PROBABLE PRESENTATION
DECEMBER 19 OR 20**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I would ask the Minister of Finance whether he can confirm what he told the Canadian people last night on the free love and safety program known as "Sunday", that the budget he intends to bring in will not be anti-inflationary, but anti-recessionary. If that is the case, and he was able to tell the people on that distinguished program what his course of action will be, can he now tell parliament when this quick-change program which altered from September to December, and which is now available as a mini-budget, will be presented?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): In response to the series of questions I have been asked in the house I gave exactly the [Mr. Knowles.]

same impression as I did in the information I have given publicly on a number of occasions, including the program last night. In any event, the most probable date for the presentation of the supplementary financial measures will be next Tuesday, that is, a week tomorrow.

[Later:]

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, when I answered the question about the date on which I would bring down my supplementary financial measures I said the most likely date would be Tuesday of next week. I do not want that to be understood as a final decision. Perhaps I should add that the choice is between Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Diefenbaker: So long as it is not Sunday.

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Minister of Finance is any more sure of the date than he seems to be in respect of the contents of the baby budget.

[Translation]

EXPO '67

**SUGGESTED INTENSIVE PUBLICITY
CAMPAIGN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, the hon. minister of Trade and Commerce being absent, I will put my question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Rumour has it that we are experiencing difficulties, outside Canada, in getting people to grasp the specific meaning of Expo '67 through advertising. Is the government considering other means to make the site known to all foreign countries and get the Expo '67 message across, so that these countries may know what is going on, before the whole operation comes to an end?

[English]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I think effective steps are already being taken. I will be glad to bring this matter to the attention of the minister who is already concerned, so that he may be able to satisfy the hon. member that these steps are not only effective but are being increased.

Mr. Langlois (Mégantic): May I suggest a representative might possibly appear a couple of times on the Ed Sullivan show?