

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. minister going to reply?

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, we have already given a correct and full answer to the question asked by the hon. member for Quebec West (Mr. Dufresne). However, I might add that it is not always possible to say whether a man is bilingual or not; he may be more or less. All five may speak French, but they do not teach in French, just as the ten French-speaking professors do not teach in English.

Mr. Dufresne: I would like to ask a supplementary question of the minister. He said that it is not possible to ascertain whether a person is bilingual or not. May I ask the hon. minister to tell me what was written in the application forms sent by these five professors to the Department of National Defence? Did they state that they were bilingual?

Mr. Speaker: Order! I think that the hon. member could carry on his investigation by placing his questions on the order paper.

(Text):

COLUMBIA RIVER

INQUIRY AS TO CONSTRUCTION OF DAM AT
MICA CREEK

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yesterday the hon. member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton) asked me a question whether the international joint commission had made any decision or recommendation concerning the Mica creek dam project in British Columbia. The reply is that no report has yet been made by the international joint commission and, in fact, the commission's engineering board has not yet completed its study of the Columbia river basin. Such a study may not be completed for another few years. Included in the studies made, as part of the reference on the Columbia river basin made to the international joint commission in 1944 by the United States and Canadian governments, is the proposed development of Mica creek dam.

Inquiries of the Ministry NATIONAL DEFENCE

ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND IN
NEW BRUNSWICK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. J. Brooks (Royal): Can the Minister of National Defence give me a definite answer to a question I asked yesterday, which was dealt with by the associate minister?

Hon. R. O. Campney (Associate Minister of National Defence): I have been endeavouring to rise to tell the hon. member for Royal that the tentative reply I made yesterday I have confirmed, namely, that there is no intention on the part of the Department of National Defence to acquire additional land east of Gagetown across the Saint John river.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF SERVICE
CHARGE BY BANKS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has the minister asked the appropriate officials of the combines investigation branch to look into the concerted action of the chartered banks in increasing their service charge on cheques to 10 cents, to determine whether such action, under which all banks have arrived at the same figure, is contrary to the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act?

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): I wish to thank my hon. friend for having given me notice of his question, which reached me only after a late lunch, just before I came into the house. The answer to my hon. friend's question is no, for the reason that the director, where he thinks consideration or action is warranted, is accustomed to proceed without specific direction by the minister.

GRAIN

REFERENCE TO REMARKS OF MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE OVER C.B.C.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. My question arises out of a report in today's *Gazette* regarding a speech which the minister made in the program "The Nation's Business" carried by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It quotes him as having said—

Some hon. Members: Question.