

Inquiries of the Ministry

for constitutional change that have been expressed from time to time by the new prime minister of Quebec, will the government reconsider the urgency of the appointment of a committee of this house to study, from a federal viewpoint, the question of constitutional change for Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I thank the hon. member for giving me notice that he was going to ask this question, and upon reflection I have to tell him I do not consider it should be asked at this time.

Mr. Brewin: Ten o'clock.

PENITENTIARIES**DORCHESTER—DEMOLITION OF
GUARD HOUSES**

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Margaret Rideout (Westmorland): Mr. Speaker, I received several telegrams this morning, one of which was delivered to me in the house this afternoon, and because of the urgency of this matter I would like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. Is it the intention of the government to continue the demolition of the guard row houses at Dorchester penitentiary?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that this question be placed on the order paper.

COAL**INQUIRY AS TO RELEASE OF
ASSISTANCE REPORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether the government has decided to release the Donald report.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is on my desk.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Is it to be released? As a further supplementary question, can the Prime Minister say whether a cabinet committee has been set up to study this report?

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, this matter is going to be discussed at a cabinet meeting tomorrow morning.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): As a further supplementary, under these circumstances what has been discussed between the [Mr. Brewin.]

Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Liberal leader in Nova Scotia that cannot be released to the miners and the people of Nova Scotia vitally concerned with this industry?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question is argumentative.

[Later:]

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the growing anxiety among the miners and other people of Nova Scotia, will the Prime Minister make available to those people that information which was made available by the Minister of National Health and Welfare to the Liberal leader of that province?

Mr. Pearson: Without referring to the latter part of the question, about which I am not informed, Mr. Speaker, I can assure my hon. friend that we will be considering this whole matter tomorrow morning.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO TRANSFER OF
ARDA FILES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. Russell Keays (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Forestry, who is responsible for the administration of ARDA.

In view of the fact that the term of the E.Q.D.B., that is the Eastern Quebec Development Board, will expire on June 30, can the minister advise the house whether he has been in touch with the new Minister of Agriculture of the province of Quebec to ascertain whether or not a small team of the board is expected to stay in office for some time, in order to ensure the systematic conveyance of the 11,000 files?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest that this question should be put on the order paper.

Mr. Keays: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the question is rather urgent, in view of the fact that a decision is to be taken very soon and that the term of the board is to expire within the next ten days.

[English]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has