

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, November 1, 1963

The house met at 11 a.m.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

NO SITTING ON REMEMBRANCE DAY—SUPPLY
MOTION ON NOVEMBER 12

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might be permitted to say a few words about the business of the house. I have made some inquiries, and to enable as many hon. members as possible to be present in their constituencies on Remembrance day I believe there would be unanimous consent if the house met on Tuesday, November 12, at 11 a.m., and it was understood that the supply motion would take one day instead of two. Of course there would be that extra time in the morning and the vote would be taken at 8.15 p.m., as is the usual circumstance on the second supply day. If there is unanimous consent it could be made an order of the house now, so that hon. members may make their plans for November 11.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, we agree entirely with that proposal. The suggestion came from the hon. member for Vegreville that November 11 should be celebrated in keeping with the traditions of our country, and we are certainly happy that the house leader has come to this conclusion, which is contrary to that which the Prime Minister made the other day, that we sit on Tuesday at 11 o'clock and have that day for supply.

Mr. Speaker: Does the house give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PRIVILEGE

MR. CHURCHILL—REFERENCE TO HEADLINE
IN TORONTO "GLOBE AND MAIL"

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a question of privilege which will be very briefly expressed. I draw attention to today's issue of the *Globe and Mail* which has a headline "Bases in France was P.C. error, Churchill says."

I made no such statement, Mr. Speaker. The record of the proceedings of the defence committee will be available early next week, and if anybody can find words in the record to

that effect I will then make a suitable explanation to the house. I think the committee and members of the press who were at the committee proceedings will bear me out that no such statement was made by me at that committee hearing.

FINANCE

MUNICIPAL LOAN FUND—TABLING OF
AGREEMENTS, ORDER IN COUNCIL AND
REGULATIONS

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to make a statement concerning the Municipal Development and Loan Act. Hon. members will recall that the purpose of this act is to promote increased employment in Canada by financial assistance by way of loans to municipalities to enable municipalities to augment and accelerate municipal capital works programs. The act provides for the establishment of the municipal development and loan board to administer the loans to be made under this act. It also provides that the board may enter into an agreement with any province wishing to do so, to make loans to such a province or to an agency designated by it, for the purpose of enabling that province in turn to make loans to its municipalities. Such loans are to be on the same terms and conditions as would apply in the case of loans made by the board direct to municipalities.

I wish to announce that the board has signed agreements with the governments of the four provinces which have elected to administer their share of the loan fund, namely Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In accordance with the terms of the act, the form of the agreements was authorized by the governor in council and, with the permission of the house, I wish to table copies in French and in English of the relevant order in council, P.C. 1963-1584 dated October 24, 1963. I wish also to table copies of the agreements between these four provinces and the municipal development and loan board.

The six other provinces have elected to transmit municipal applications for loans for approved projects to the board. Under this arrangement the administration of loans will be between the board as lender and the municipalities as borrowers. I wish also to table copies, in English and in French, of the Municipal Development and Loan Act regulations,