

4. In each case, what was the number of persons killed, seriously injured, slightly injured, and what was the amount of material damage?

5. How many signal lights have been installed in Compton-Frontenac in the last five years?

6. What is the number of signal lights in Compton-Frontenac, and where is each located?

Mr. Stewart, Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State, presented,—Return to the foregoing Order.

\*No. 1,169—*Mr. Fisher*

1. Does the government plan to modernize the aircraft carrier H.M.C.S. *Bonaventure* within the next two years and, if so, what is the estimated cost of the modernization?

2. In the time interval before a complete modernization, is there any intention to spend any money in rectifying present defects in the ship or to reduce the maintenance backlog or to prepare specifications for the modernization and, if so, what is the estimate for these expenditures?

3. How long will the *Bonaventure* be out of service in the interval before modernization begins?

4. Has there been any shortage in personnel on the H.M.C.S. *Bonaventure* in the past two years in so far as the establishment for technicians is concerned and, if so, what are the details?

5. What has been the repair and maintenance cost of the *Bonaventure*, year by year, since its acquisition by the R.C.N.?

6. What is the estimated service life of the *Bonaventure*?

Mr. Cardin, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to the foregoing Order.

Government Order No. 44 being read, as follows: That the Government be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to establish officially as the flag of Canada a flag embodying the emblem proclaimed by His Majesty King George V on November 21, 1921—three maple leaves conjoined on one stem—in the colours red and white then designated for Canada, the red leaves occupying a field of white between vertical sections of blue on the edges of the flag and also to provide that the Royal Union Flag, generally known as the Union Jack, may continue to be flown as a symbol of Canadian membership in the Commonwealth of Nations and of our allegiance to the Crown.

The honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) raised a point of order to the effect that the motion to come before the House contained two distinct proposals and, in line with an ancient privilege of Parliament, a motion containing two or more separate and distinct proposals, could be divided in order to permit the House to come to a clear and meaningful decision with respect to each of the proposals contained in any such motion;

After debate thereon;

#### RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: Our Standing Orders do not specifically provide for the dividing of a complicated question. However, such Canadian authors as Bou-