

would be legitimate for me to ask the minister from time to time what progress is being made in those companies, not from an operating point of view but from the point of view of the holding company responsibility that he has outlined.

**Senator Austin:** Honourable senators, with respect to Canadair, de Havilland, Eldorado and Teleglobe, I will stand in the same position, in reporting to this house, as the previous respective ministers did in reporting to the other place. With respect to CDC, my role will be that which I have described on several occasions in response to questions from Senator Roblin, which is that I do not report to this house respecting CDC because CDC is not a crown corporation or public corporation, but a private corporation operating as any other private corporation.

With respect to Massey, I have a position analogous to that of CDC. We are relatively small shareholders in that private corporation.

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

#### ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON—CANADA-FRANCE MARITIME BOUNDARY

**Hon. Jack Marshall:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government concerning the Prime Minister's recent visit to France. I should like to know if any discussions were held dealing with Canada's position concerning St. Pierre and Miquelon, particularly with regard to the ongoing negotiations that are not settled on the boundary lines between Canada and France, which has such an effect on the economic zone and the 200-mile fishing zone.

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, from memory I do not recollect that the subject was on the agenda. However, I will make inquiries of the Prime Minister's Office and will ascertain whether or not it was discussed.

**Senator Marshall:** If the subject was not discussed, in view of the fact that press reports indicate that there now exists a good relationship between Canada and France, possibly this is an opportune time to pursue that matter, which is so important to Newfoundland and the country as a whole.

**Senator Olson:** Yes; we want to acknowledge that there are good and improving relations between Canada and France.

### LOTTERIES

#### GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Hon. Jack Marshall:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. Am I correct in presuming that the minister is responsible also for lotteries?

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport):** Honourable senators, at the present time the federal government is not involved in lotteries. We have made an arrangement with the provinces that in return for a

designated annual amount, which is paid by the provincial lottery corporation to the federal government, we will not be directly involved in lotteries.

**Senator Marshall:** I am not sure to whom I should put this question, but a problem arose in the Hamilton area when a local veterans' association sold tickets at 25 cents each in a small lottery. The police intervened and stopped the association from holding the lottery. That intervention has some effect on the government's responsibility toward lotteries, and since it was such a small lottery, it would appear to be a matter for the federal government to intercede to see why such discriminatory action took place.

**Senator Perrault:** Honourable senators, a 25-cent lottery would hardly lead one to believe that a police dragnet would be required. However, that is not within the responsibility of my department. I suggest that an inquiry should be directed to the local police officials in the community affected.

**Senator Marshall:** Perhaps the Leader of the Government would bring that matter to the attention of the Minister of Veterans Affairs to see if there is any legal responsibility toward Canadian veterans in whatever phase of activity they participate.

**Senator Perrault:** Honourable senators, certainly the honourable senator's observations will be brought to the attention of the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I would suggest also that the president of the veterans' association concerned, which was subjected to police action, should direct letters to the provincial attorney general and the head of the police commission. Those should be the first two steps to be taken, I would suggest.

### THE ECONOMY

#### NOVA SCOTIA—GLACE BAY AND PORT HAWKESBURY—RUMOURED CLOSING OF HEAVY WATER PLANTS

**Hon. Richard A. Donahoe:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government. On November 2, the leader, in response to a question by Senator Muir concerning the Nova Scotia heavy water plant, said that he did not know that any decision to close the plants would be made imminently.

Would the leader put to rest all the doubts that now exist in the minds of hundreds of people who work in those plants by saying that the government does not intend to close them?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I gave what I considered to be a fairly full answer to the question that was asked by Senator Muir, although he did ask an additional question, or an extension, somewhat along the lines of the question that Senator Donahoe is now asking. I give the honourable senator the same reply, namely, that we hope there will be a market for the product of those plants. My honourable friend knows that there has not been a brisk demand for heavy water and that most of the production is being stockpiled. That, of course, is an unhealthy and difficult financial situation.