

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): A supplementary question. Did not the members of the New Democratic party support the government in bringing about the present situation with regard to designated areas?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

CROWN ASSETS**LONGUEUIL, QUE.—DISPOSAL OF JACQUES CARTIER RESERVE PROPERTY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Because a large sum of money is involved there is some urgency attached to it. Has the government undertaken to sell to the city of Longueuil the Jacques Cartier barracks reserve property for \$870,000, or has an undertaking been given to sell the property to a private individual without tenders being called?

Mr. Speaker: Surely this is a very good example of a question for the order paper.

[Later:]

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Is it the policy of his department and the government to sell property worth more than \$800,000 without tender? Is it the policy of the government to dispose of property in that way?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has raised the matter of the sale of certain property to the town of Longueuil, and I am sure he would not expect me to carry all the details in my head. I will be very glad to take notice of this question and make a reply early next week, if that is satisfactory.

Mr. Woolliams: I appreciate the minister's courtesy, but my question was this. Is it the policy of the department to dispose of government property and sell it without tenders, particularly when it is worth over \$800,000? Is this the policy? That is the question.

Mr. Laing: Mr. Speaker, I am quite sure the hon. member would agree that in the sale of a property of this nature which is no longer required by the federal government, some appreciation should be given to the fact that it was the city of Longueuil that wished negotiations; and inasmuch as they have a plan for the property that is not unrelated

to the Expo '67 development, we were of the opinion that it would be in the public interest to negotiate a sale with them rather than to sell it to a private developer. I will be very happy to make a full statement on the matter. Completely adequate protection was ensured by us in respect of valuations, and it is our opinion that we received a very satisfactory price for the property.

Mr. Woolliams: A supplementary question. I would have gone along with the minister if that had been the situation; but was this property sold to Mr. Jean Paul Auclair, and not to the town or village?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that earlier this morning I suggested that this question should be put on the order paper, for the particular reasons that now appear quite evident.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

20 November 1964

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Robert Taschereau, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 20th November, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
A. G. Cherrier
Assistant Secretary to the Governor General

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY—
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT OF
PRISONER**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Some time ago I asked the Prime Minister a question concerning a French Canadian prisoner at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary who had been sentenced to a long term for his part in the riots of two years ago, and who was not allowed to communicate with certain people. The Prime Minister promised to transfer my question to his colleague the Minister of Justice who now has an answer ready for me, I understand, and I should like to hear it.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Gaston Nicholas was serving a sentence of six years for manslaughter at the time of