ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES RESPECTING APPLICATION OF FUNDS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice based on a press report of yesterday which stated that two members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had been tried and sentenced for an offence concerning the misapplication of funds, and that their sentences are under review. Could the minister inform the house what body is reviewing the sentences? Further, could he inform the house what the sentences were and explain the matter more fully?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have not been presented with any material in relation to this matter yet.

Mr. Nielsen: When the minister has the material at hand will he report to the house on this incident, and will he now inform the house whether it is the government's intention to introduce legislation, similar to that existing in the National Defence Act, which would make the decisions of any court set up within the R.C.M.P. subject to a review board appeal court?

Mr. Favreau: Of course, Mr. Speaker, this relates to something which might eventually be the subject of government policy, and for that reason it may only be announced in due course.

LABOUR RELATIONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA—STEPS TO RESOLVE SEAMEN'S STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I thought the Minister of Labour (Mr. MacEachen) would have returned to the chamber during the question period, but since he is not here I wish to direct a question of serious consequence to communities in British Columbia to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I have received two protests, one in the form of a telegram from the Kitimat chamber of commerce stating:

This community greatly inconvenienced as well as other points between Vancouver and Stewart by the Northland Shipping labour dispute

And the other is from the community of Alice Arm also protesting inconvenience caused by the seamen's strike. Would the minister bring this to the attention of the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Department of Labour because delay in settling the dispute is causing inconvenience and worse in that area? This is a matter engaging the attention of two labour officials and I ask that urgent efforts be made to bring about a solution of the problem as between the C.B.R.T. and the S.I.U. in order to end the inconvenience to these people.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will see this is directed at once to the Minister of Labour. I will do so as soon as I leave the chamber.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is the minister aware of the results of the Gallup poll which will be published tomorrow, showing him as running second behind the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss La-Marsh) in regard to the administration of his department, and was he aware of the fact that his department was in such bad shape?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, may I answer some serious questions put to me in the last few days.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

FRENCH TRANSLATION OF REPORTS ISSUED

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday July 15, the hon. member for Nicolet-Yamaska (Mr. Vincent) asked about the publication of the French language version of the Canada Year Book. I am pleased to advise the house that the French language version will be available for distribution by August 15, if not earlier.

TRADE

WHEAT—ANNOUNCEMENT OF SALE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in my absence some questions were put to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Hays), who was then acting minister of trade and commerce, arising out of the statement made on the sale of wheat to Czechoslovakia. First of all, the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Simpson) asked whether assurance could be given that