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jokers. The significant thing about these cards is that the maple leaves on them are an exact replica of the design which it is now proposed shall constitute the design of Canada's national flag.

I do hope that if this emblem of three maple leaves is accepted as the flag of Canada, or even if one maple leaf is accepted, the Department of Trade and Commerce will immediately cease to publish decks of cards of this kind. For the trouble of asking, I got 100 decks of these cards from the Department of Trade and Commerce. I still have lots of them in my office.

**An hon. Member:** Do you like the game?

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** The game is a simple one related to the game called "Old Maid", when I was a boy. If the hon. member would like to join the old maids, or play "Old Maid", that is his privilege. According to what one reads in the press, it will not be long before the three maple leaf design constitutes our national flag and, as I say, the emblem on these cards is an exact replica of the design proposed for this flag. It is noted on the joker that it is put out by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, Canada; it says, "Printed in Canada on Canadian paper". You would almost think this was a theme song for Canada—printed in Canada; made in Canada. The only thing they have not got on it is "Made in Canada". However, I would hope the Department of Trade and Commerce would have most of their work done in Canada.

I would certainly like to know how long they have been distributing these decks of cards, this game of chance, with the exact replica of the proposed maple leaf design. I would like to know what has been the cost to the Department of Trade and Commerce. Is this the way they are promoting Canadian trade? Certainly most Canadians think this is not the way the department should be promoting trade.

I would ask, what has been the cost; how much are Canadian taxpayers being asked to pay to promote this game of chance distributed by the Department of Trade and Commerce? I might go on to point out, Mr. Speaker, that the winner of the game called "Canadian maple leaf" is the one who has the one remaining maple leaf, the one remaining joker.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** This may please some members in the house. It may not please the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson), and if the De-

[Mr. Horner (Acadia).]

partment of Trade and Commerce proposes to continue to distribute this game, perhaps this should be brought to their attention. I think it has been a direct waste of the taxpayer's money and has placed shame upon the Canadian maple leaf, which has always been, and will always remain, an emblem representing Canada, whether or not the flag gets the approval of parliament. In addition, I would like to know for how many years this game has been distributed and at what direct cost to the Canadian taxpayers; and will distribution be continued? I add this last thing: Will it be continued after the flag with three maple leaves on it is approved. If this happens, will the department continue to distribute this game and describe the three maple leaves as jokers? Will they continue spreading this impression across the world, to the detriment of the Canadian public?

**Mr. Churchill:** It sounds like the colouring books, the pigeons and the truth squad.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** Exactly.

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, I might perhaps commend the hon. member who has just concluded his speech on his acknowledgement of the maple leaf not only as the emblem of Canada but, in his words, as representing our national flag. I am glad to see there is at least one convert on the other side of the chamber as a result of the debate so far.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Drury:** Unfortunately, this opportunity does not permit me to ask the hon. member a question.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** Ask it anyway.

**Mr. Drury:** But I was fascinated to learn that he had secured from the Department of Trade and Commerce 100 of these decks of cards and that he had already used a number of them, apparently, in playing a rather simple game which he described as "Old Maid". I would hope he would have more to engage his attention than this undoubtedly fascinating game designed by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** I have not used the cards. I obtained 100 decks to see whether it was possible to obtain them.

**Mr. Drury:** The "Canadian timber game", to which reference has been made, was a sales promotion distributed and designed by the trade publicity branch of the Department of