

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

do it until we have had consultations with the provinces and the legislation has been changed.

**Mr. Hales:** Has the minister made arrangements with the provinces to discuss this issue, and would he also advise the house if he would be prepared to table his letter to the province of Quebec?

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, as was indicated by my hon. friend I have written to the premier of Quebec, but I have not as yet received a reply from him.

**INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosithern):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Is it the intention of the government to appoint a superintendent of lay-offs to accommodate the government's plan to slow down the economy?

**OLD AGE SECURITY****POSSIBLE LOSS OF INCREASE TO WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. It relates to a matter of particular concern to the recipients of war veterans allowances. In view of the 2 per cent increase in old age security and guaranteed income supplement, and questions asked of the minister in the house and put to him personally, is he now in a position to inform the house how this 2 per cent increase will affect recipients of war veterans allowances?

**Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the 2 per cent increase in O.A.S.-G.I.S. will not affect war veterans allowance recipients. I am informed that by amending the regulations it will be possible for us to refrain from deducting those amounts from their allowances, and I have so recommended.

**AGRICULTURE****FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE—PROTECTION AGAINST INFECTION FROM U.K.**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Acadia):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister assure

the house and the country that ample precautions are being taken to prevent the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in this country in view of the fact that it is so widespread today in Britain?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that such is the case. Fortunately, the situation to date is under control in Canada.

**FINANCE****INQUIRY AS TO RESULTS OF RECENT BOND ISSUE**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Is the minister now in a position to answer the questions I asked him on Monday last with regard to the amount of new money raised by the last dominion government bond issue, and the amount taken up by the Bank of Canada?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for giving me an opportunity to answer the question. The hon. member may recall that in announcing the bond issue I reserved the right to allot a total of \$250 million plus or minus up to 10 per cent, and the Bank of Canada agreed to acquire a minimum of \$50 million. In the event we decided to issue on December 1 a total of \$225 million.

Proceeds of this bond issue, together with the proceeds of the sale of \$125 million of 364-day treasury bills to be offered at competitive tender on November 28 and delivered on December 1, will be used to redeem \$100 million of 303-day treasury bills due December 1, 1967 and to purchase from the Bank of Canada for cancellation \$105 million par value of government of Canada bonds due January 15, 1968. The remaining proceeds amounting to approximately \$145 million will be used for general purposes of the government of Canada.

It has not been the practice to disclose the actual amount of Bank of Canada participation in new issues—this has been the practice for years—although holdings of the Bank of Canada are of course reflected in their regular weekly and monthly financial statements, which are issued through the regular channels.