

could reserve that right for my hon. friend from York-Simcoe by asking that the matter be held in abeyance until tomorrow.

Mr. Trudeau: What about the *Globe and Mail*?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) has read his proposed amendment into the record, and it might be useful, for the sake of the orderly conduct of our discussion on this matter, especially tomorrow, if I were to read mine as well. I propose to move, if your Honour finds there is a prima facie case of privilege:

That the allegations purported to have been made by the hon. member for York-Simcoe, namely that members of the House of Commons, including two or three cabinet ministers, have been involved in speculation against the dollar and that the ministers have broken their oath of secrecy, as referred to in a Canadian Press story published by the Ottawa *Citizen* and other newspapers on Saturday, May 20, 1978, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As all members will recognize, it would be quite inappropriate to proceed with this matter in the absence of the member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens). His absence has been explained by his House leader. In these circumstances the least we can do would be to postpone further debate until the hon. member can be here to make his contribution. It would then be appropriate that hon. members who have contributed to the discussion today be given an opportunity to make further contributions after which it can be determined whether a prima facie case of privilege exists.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 934, 1,195, 1,203 and 1,357.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

MR. PAUL GÉRIN-LAJOIE

Question No. 934—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Did the former chairman of CIDA, Mr. Paul Gérin-Lajoie receive retirement or pension benefits from CIDA or the government and, if so, what were the benefits and in what amounts?

2. Does Mr. Gérin-Lajoie hold, at present, a position in the government and, if so, what is the position?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Supply and Services as follows: 1. During his employment in the

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federal public service, Mr. Paul Gérin-Lajoie was a contributor under the Public Service Superannuation Act and the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act. Upon the termination of his employment, he became entitled to receive at his option either a refund of his own pension contributions, a full pension payable at age sixty, or a slightly reduced pension payable immediately. A full pension is based on 2 per cent of the average of the salaries received during the person's six most highly paid years for each year of credited service. As a matter of long standing government policy, the specific amounts of the benefits payable to any individual are considered confidential.

2. No.

CANADIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Question No. 1,195—**Mr. Andre:**

1. What is the Crown's precise financial interest in the Canadian Film Development Corporation as administered by the Department of the Secretary of State and on what date was such interest acquired, at what cost and for what reason?

2. What was the book value of the Crown's equity on the date of acquisition and what is its latest estimated book value?

3. To date, what is the Crown's total investment, including equity costs, contributions to operating funds, debt forgiveness and what is the Crown's total realized profit from such investment?

4. In what manner is the Crown's interest represented (a) on the Board of Directors (b) in its senior management?

5. Did the government make a policy decision in regard to the future disposition of its interest?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Film Development Corporation as follows: 1. The Canadian Film Development Corporation is a Crown corporation that was created by parliament (14-15-16 Eliz II, c 78, which received royal assent on March 10, 1967). The act set up an advance account for the corporation in the amount of \$10 million. In 1971 the amount was increased to \$20 million and in 1975 to \$25 million. In 1977-78, the corporation began receiving annual appropriations instead of a statutory fund. Hence the corporation is not a private organization of which the government acquired control, but rather a corporation incorporated by a special act of parliament and included in schedule C of the Financial Administration Act.

2. (a) Not applicable. (b) According to the corporation's latest financial statements, the book value of the Crown's interests, that is "Federal Assets", is \$2,849,984.

3. (a) \$10 million when the corporation was created in 1967; \$10 million in 1971; \$5 million in 1975; \$3.343 million from 1977-78; for a total of \$28.343 million from 1967 to 1977-78. (b) The corporation recovered \$4,390,000 from its contribution to films it financed, not necessarily in the form of profit but as capital recovery.

4. (a) The members of the board of directors are appointed by the governor in council. (b) The executive director and secretary are also appointed by the governor in council on the recommendation of the board of directors.

5. No.