

Inquiries of the Ministry

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FAMILY ALLOWANCESCONSIDERED BY PARLIAMENT DURING
PRESENT SESSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Yesterday in his speech he said that the question of family allowances was under consideration.

Would he tell us if, in his opinion, this matter will be brought before parliament during this session?

[English]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): It was announced yesterday by the minister concerned, also, that the matter was under consideration partly in view of the representations made at a recent conference by a minister from Quebec, but for other reasons as well. When any decision is taken with regard to a change it will be announced in the house.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICEISSUING OF STATEMENTS ON SECURITY AND
ORGANIZED CRIME

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): I wish to address a question to the Solicitor General. Would the hon. gentleman inform us whether we can gather from his remarks yesterday that he is planning to authorize the R.C.M.P. to issue regular statements on the security of the nation and on the situation in relation to organized crime from time to time? Or does he intend to issue a white paper on the subject in order that the public may be more fully informed on this important question?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): In the brief period I have been in office I have not had an opportunity to consider adequately the suggestion contained in the hon. member's question. However, I will give it further consideration.

FINANCEREQUEST FOR SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the intention of the Ontario government to introduce legislation at this session requiring all companies whose

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shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange to conduct themselves in a manner which will make it very difficult if not impossible for there to be a recurrence of the Windfall type of operation, would the minister consider introducing legislation this session requiring all Canadian companies whose shares are traded on any Canadian stock exchange to conduct themselves in a similar manner, and thereby protect the Canadian investing public?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am sure all members of the house were pleased at the announcement made by the Ontario government of its intention to improve securities legislation in this province. On December 22 last the Prime Minister wrote to the premiers and prime ministers of the provinces suggesting that there should be a meeting of federal and provincial representatives during the course of the next few months to discuss the question of securities and exchange legislation. I can assure the hon. gentleman that the government of Canada shares his desire to secure improved securities legislation in Canada.

AGRICULTUREFEEDING OF CHICKEN LITTER TO
PIGS AND CATTLE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the possible ill effects on meat, does the government intend to prohibit the feeding of chicken litter to pigs and cattle until further studies have been completed?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the hon. member for his courtesy in sending me notice of this question. I have discussed the matter with the departmental officials and find that they are investigating it, but to date they have not completed their investigation and no decision has been reached as to any action to be taken. However, when their investigations are completed I shall be very pleased to notify the hon. member of the decision made.

SHIPBUILDINGINQUIRY AS TO APPLICATION OF
SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. On Monday, January