knows, the government had been anxious to contribute to this rehabilitation centre. I have in my hand a letter which has just come in, and which I have seen for the first time, from the minister of health in South Viet Nam. It says that our proposal for a separate rehabilitation unit is an undesirable means of producing the result we have in mind. We do not agree with this, but we shall continue our discussions.

**Mr. Douglas:** On January 9 I asked the minister a question as recorded at page 11536 of *Hansard*:

> Is the government of South Viet Nam withholding approval in respect of Dr. Gingras' proposal because of an insistence that the doctors and members of the staff come under military medical personnel?

The minister's answer was "No, Mr. Speaker". I want to ask the minister whether the situation has changed since then.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** That must have been one of the days when I was not hearing well. What was the date again?

**Mr. Douglas:** The date was January 9. Has the situation changed, or was the minister misinformed at that time?

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** Yesterday the minister was reluctant to answer a question I put to him, one which suggested a solution to this problem. Can he tell us today when we may expect a report on the possibility of bringing these Vietnamese civilians to Canada for rehabilitation?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I think I indicated that this suggestion was being examined.

**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):** But when may we expect a final report on it?

**An hon. Member:** In due course.

## FLOODS

### FRASER RIVER—INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE EMERGENCY ACTION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Could he indicate to the house any decision that was reached at the recent federal-provincial conference regarding measures to be taken in the event of a flood emergency in the Fraser river valley?

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, this question should have been directed to the Minister of Industry, who is responsible for EMO. May I ask him to answer it.

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, some time ago a telegram was sent from the Prime Minister to the premier of British Columbia offering the assistance of the federal government in respect of the potential flooding situation in British Columbia. I would be glad, if it would be of interest to the house, to table that telegram and the reply to it from the premier of British Columbia. Both these have already been published, and with leave I would like to table them.

I might also add that recently during discussions between Mr. Williston of the British Columbia provincial government and my colleague the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Williston assured my colleague that all the necessary steps in respect of planning and preparation for floods were being taken by the province which of course has primary responsibility, and that the fullest co-operation was being exhibited between the federal and the provincial governments.

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the minister leave to table the communications to which he has referred?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Patterson:** As a supplementary question may I ask if the question of the implementation of the recommendations in the Fraser river board report was discussed in that conference?

**Mr. Pepin:** That is under my responsibility, Mr. Speaker. I can say that the ministers have come to agreement on a certain project and Mr. Williston and myself are going to take up this project for approval by both our cabinets.

## MR. JUSTICE LANDREVILLE

### INQUIRY AS TO ACTION PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Some weeks ago it was stated that early action would be taken by the government regarding the case of Mr. Justice Landreville. Has the government now made a decision as to the action