

to see there will be no further increase in interest rates for mortgages?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I have already dealt with that subject. I can give the hon. gentleman no such assurance.

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[Translation]

ROYAL VISIT

AUTHORITY EXTENDING INVITATION TO HER MAJESTY— INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER HER MAJESTY INVITED TO VISIT QUEBEC

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

We all know that Her Majesty the Queen is now in Canada. Can the Prime Minister tell us whether she is the guest of the Canadian government or of the governments of the provinces where she has been or where she will soon be going?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the federal government alone and the members of the Privy Council can advise the Queen as to her conduct and her statements in Canada. However, it has happened in the past, for an anniversary, a celebration, or a provincial centenary that a province has asked the federal government to intervene at Buckingham Palace to invite the Queen, and this was the procedure followed for the present visit. The Queen came for the centenary of Prince Edward Island and was invited by the federal government at the request of the provincial government. The same holds for her Ontario visit. However, as for her visit on the occasion of the centenary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, it was the federal government which invited her. She is here especially for that occasion, but since the centennial celebrations will be held in the western provinces, the invitation was drawn up in co-operation with those provinces.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Was there at any time an invitation sent to Her Majesty the Queen by the province of Quebec to visit part of that province?

Mr. Trudeau: No, Mr. Speaker, not for the last few years.

● (1440)

[English]

POSSIBLE INVITATION TO HER MAJESTY TO GIVE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he would consider, before Her Majesty the Queen leaves Canada, asking Her Majesty if when she comes back on the next trip to open the Commonwealth Conference, she would give Royal Assent to such bills as this parliament may pass between now and the time she returns.

Oral Questions

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question really is predicated on the assumption that parliament will be sitting during the Commonwealth Conference. I think that will be extremely difficult because, although the House of course is free, the city will be heavily laden with visitors of all kinds and it might be undesirable to have parliament sitting during those particular days.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Closure.

Mr. Trudeau: However, so far as this side of the House is concerned, we are perfectly happy to sit as long as all the parties would like.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: I just want to make it clear that no member should expect to use any of the spare rooms at Sussex Drive.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. gentleman. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister is planning a short visit to Edmonton, the oil capital of Canada, and in view of the fact that Liberals are very hard to find in this great city, would the Prime Minister like me to try to gather the odd Grit for the occasion and, if no, why not?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I remember that before my last visit to Edmonton the hon. member asked exactly the same question. I could not get an answer in, but he could not be found in the crowd of 7,000 Liberals who turned out.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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URBAN AFFAIRS

LAND BANK—INQUIRY AS TO AMOUNT OF LAND PURCHASED

Mr. Don Blenkarr (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Can he advise the House how much land has been bought on a land banking basis with the \$100 million set aside for that purpose this year?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to interrupt the hon. member to remind him that a question in those terms should be placed on the order paper.