

west for the British crown deserves better than this kind of treatment?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I would ask the minister to give us an answer to that question.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to look into that question and report on it later.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, this is taking place at the present moment, and I should like the minister to indicate the reason this force is being treated in this way. Are they going to do away with the word "royal" in the name as well?

[Later:]

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the Minister of Justice had advised him, prior to today, about the changes to be made in the uniforms and equipment of the R.C.M.P.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I do not recall that the Minister of Justice, among his many duties, has advised me about any possible change in the uniform of the R.C.M.P.

• (3:00 p.m.)

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

CONSIDERATION BY HOUSE COMMITTEE OF AMENDMENT FORMULA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I wanted to ask a question of the Prime Minister. Is the absence of any reference in the speech from the throne to the appointment of a committee of this house to examine any changes that may be desirable in the constitution, and to examine the proposed constitutional amending formula with which the public is concerned, an indication that the government does not intend to move for the appointment of such a committee at this session?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): The procedure for dealing with this important matter, when it comes before this house on the assumption that it will have been approved by all the provinces, will be determined later.

[Translation]

Mr. Clément Vincent (Nicolet-Yamaska): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Justice a supplementary question concerning the formula for the repatriation of the constitution.

Inquiries of the Ministry

I understand the minister is not very good at bluffing at poker, so I am sure to get a straight answer.

Could he tell the house whether he agrees with the premier of Quebec when the latter states that the repatriation formula will not be a strait-jacket for Quebec but only for Ottawa?

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE WITH MUNICIPALITIES RESPECTING AMENDMENT OF ACT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Public Works.

Could he inform the house whether the government intends to call a conference of the municipal authorities of the national capital area, in order to consider them with the advisability of amending the National Capital Act?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, we propose to call together the mayors of Ottawa and Hull with a view to improving relations between the central government and the municipalities in question.

Mr. Martineau: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Does the government intend to admit the mayors of these two municipalities to the national capital commission?

Mr. Cardin: Mr. Speaker, the objective of the government is to reach greater co-operation and better understanding between the federal government, the municipal authorities and the national capital commission.

The question now is one of finding the best course of action to take in order to get this co-operation, and I wonder whether participation or admittance of the mayors of these two cities to the commission would be the best course.

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SHIPPING

INQUIRY AS TO RESUMPTION OF SHIPBUILDING SUBSIDIES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Léon Balcer (Three Rivers): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport if