

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR ROYAL COMMISSION TO  
INVESTIGATE CRIME

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Particularly in view of the fact that consideration of his estimates has been adjourned, would he and the government be prepared to accept the suggestion of the minister of justice of the province of Quebec that the only way to find out the real leaders of crime in Canada is to set up a royal commission to investigate crime?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** What about Nielsen?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This is a question which seems to be of a very general nature and not the type that should be allowed at this time.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Perhaps I can make it very specific. Is the minister prepared to set up a royal commission to investigate crime in this country?

**Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member, of course, knows that last autumn there was a federal-provincial conference of the attorneys general at which we discussed the whole question of crime. That conference is to resume later this year. But it may be significant to note that the attorney general of the province of Quebec did not mention anything about a royal commission at the meeting last autumn, and so far I have given no consideration to that suggestion.

[Translation]

[Later]

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice.

Is the minister willing to consider the Quebec Justice Minister's suggestion concerning the establishment of a Canadian Interpol?

[English]

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, a committee was agreed upon at the federal-provincial conference to consider the question of Interpol and it is still meeting regularly.

## AIR CANADA

WINNIPEG—REPORT OF INQUIRY RESPECTING  
MAINTENANCE BASE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Minister of Transport. Can he do today what he said yesterday he would try to do today? Can he tell us where the Thompson report is?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Most of it has been completed and is being translated. I am informed the concluding sections are still being prepared but it is expected they will be ready very shortly and as soon as the document has been completely translated and printed it will be presented to the government. It is felt this is the wisest course to take because it is assumed there will be some general interest in the report. I might commend to other commissions the practice of having their documents translated as they go along.

**Mr. Knowles:** As a supplementary question, will it be tabled as soon as it has been presented to the government?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Of course the commission is to report to the Governor in Council and I would think the Governor in Council should be allowed to exercise a certain measure of judgment and discretion in this matter. But in view of the avid interest of a great many people I would imagine it would be hard not to satisfy that interest.

[Translation]

## FAMILY ALLOWANCES

## INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE INCREASE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister following his meeting with the Premier of New Brunswick in Toronto over the weekend. Could he tell the house whether he has promised to support New Brunswick's fight against poverty and to increase family allowances in the near future?

[English]

## CANADA PENSION PLAN

## INQUIRY AS TO REFUNDS TO EMPLOYERS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. On February 15 I asked him what steps he was taking to have refunds made to employers who oversubscribed in their contributions to the Canada Pension Plan. Has the minister anything further to say in this regard? My question arises again because of the great