

owners. The autumn direct lending program to builders and home owners is proceeding at a fast pace in the Peterborough district as well as in other parts of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me the minister is now making a statement. Perhaps his answer is a little too detailed for the circumstances.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, may I say with respect that the last part of my answer is directly relevant to the question asked yesterday. Do not forget that a further question was put to me this morning. May I finish this last part of my answer to yesterday's question?

Under the present circumstances it is not possible for the corporation to accept further applications for speculative loans from merchant builders in the Peterborough district, but funds are available to take care of the needs of home owner applicants in the area.

Mr. Pugh: This is a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I can take it then that I have not been reliably informed by one or two builders in each area that loans for home owners have now been cut off in Penticton and Kelowna?

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, I will have to take that question as notice.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): On a supplementary, Mr. Speaker, will the minister make available similar figures for the maritimes in whatever is the appropriate way?

Mr. Nicholson: I will be glad to do so. I might also say that according to my information the maritimes are also ahead of last year.

Mr. Chatterton: In view of the shortage of private money for building, would the minister consider increasing the amount available for direct loans?

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, the matter is under constant study.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

CONSOLIDATION OF BASES—REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION WITH NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): I should like to ask the Prime Minister if, in the light of the intended visit to Ottawa of the premier of Nova Scotia, Hon. Robert Stanfield, he would use his good offices to arrange a meeting with the premier for the purpose of discussing the

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very urgent situation that will arise out of any further base consolidations in the maritime provinces.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): If the premier wishes to discuss this matter with me and the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to see him about it.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

RICHIBUCTO, N.B.—ASSISTANCE FOR INDIANS CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL FISHING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The other day I asked him about the possibility of making legal counsel available to some native Indians in New Brunswick with respect to fishing rights, and he was kind enough to say that would be done. In view of the similarity of the two situations I wonder if I could ask the minister whether his department will make available to counsel a transcript of the proceedings and findings of the Supreme Court of Canada of the case respecting Indians in Nanaimo, which was concluded favourably not too long ago.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I should like to read the words the hon. gentleman has just uttered.

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AGRICULTURE

QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR APPLE GROWERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bago): Mr. Speaker, I see from yesterday's *Hansard* that the Minister of Agriculture answered my question in the affirmative, though I had the impression that he was taking it as notice. As a supplementary question I would ask him what portion of that grant has the federal government agreed to pay?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I took the question as notice yesterday, and I will have an answer ready for the hon. member Monday.

QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN MILK SUBSIDY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Would he be