

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Does the house agree that this reply be printed in *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: For text of reply above referred to see appendix "A".*]

CANADIAN FLAGINQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT POSITION ON
DIVIDED RESOLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister declared that the government would stand or fall on the original flag resolution, will he advise the house whether he takes the same position with regard to resolution (B) which deals with the union jack?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the technical situation is that there is only one resolution which has been divided into two parts. The position of the government with regard to the original resolution has not been changed because of the fact that it has been divided.

HOUSE OF COMMONSREQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT FOR ST. JEAN
BAPTISTE DAY

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. L. P. Antoine Bélanger (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

In view of the fact that the national holiday of French Canadians will be observed next week, that is Wednesday, June 24, is the Prime Minister in a position to tell us whether the house will sit on that day and whether the hon. members from Quebec will be able to participate in that celebration and enjoy a holiday, without neglecting their duties here?

[*Text*]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I can think of no more appropriate way of celebrating this important day in our history than being in this House of Commons deciding on a Canadian national flag.

PUBLIC SERVICEREPORT OF COMMITTEE RESPECTING COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gerald A. Regan (Halifax): I should like to direct a question to the President of [Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

the Queen's Privy Council. Will the President of the Privy Council indicate what progress is being made by the committee which is developing a system of collective bargaining for government employees, and when this committee will complete its work? Can he reassure the house that a system of arbitration of employee grievances will be included in any eventually established system of collective bargaining?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Important as this question is, would the hon. member put it on the order paper.

FLOODSSOUTHERN ALBERTA—STEPS TO ALLEVIATE
SITUATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod): Yesterday I directed a question to the Prime Minister, but apparently he did not have the information and there was silence. Part of the answer regard P.F.R.A. at Glenwood rests with the Minister of Agriculture, and he is not in the house. The other minister concerned is the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Kindt: In his absence may I direct my question to his executive assistant. My question is as follows. Will he inform this house and the country on the government's program to meet the flood disaster situation in southern Alberta at Waterton lakes, Glenwood, Stand Off and Cardston?

Mr. John N. Turner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I assume the hon. member will permit me to answer as parliamentary secretary to the minister. The water levels, fortunately, are receding at Waterton lakes national park and the people are returning to their homes. We have not yet got a firm estimate of the damage, but the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources will be visiting the park personally at the end of this month.

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCESSUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF HEARINGS BY
ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gene Rhéaume (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Will he consider asking the "B. and