

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****LOUIS SICOTTE—REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF TRIALS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and since his parliamentary assistant does not yet seem to have been appointed, I shall direct my question to the right. hon. Prime Minister, to whom I gave notice of my question yesterday.

Are the justice department and the government in receipt of a petition signed by a certain Louis Sicotte who is seeking a review of his two trials for allegedly having been forced under duress to plead guilty and to sign a false affidavit.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. It would seem that this question is of a very special nature and I believe it should more properly be entered on the order paper.

**Mr. Allard:** I shall bring it up at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**BRITISH COLUMBIA—REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY FOR JAILED UNION LEADERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. Is he considering granting additional clemency to Mr. Paddy Neal and Tom Clark, the two trade unionists who went back to jail following the Christmas period? I do not know whether you would call it a recess, but these two persons were released for the Christmas period. Would the minister consider granting additional clemency and releasing them from jail immediately?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** The case involving the two gentlemen mentioned by the hon. member is under active consideration.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MINT****GOLD CENTENNIAL COINS—REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL SALES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I had intended addressing to the Minister of Finance. In his absence, because of the nature of the question perhaps I might direct it to the right hon. Prime Minister. Would the government reconsider its decision to permitting the sale of the

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\$20 gold centennial pieces only in the expensive sets at a price of \$40 each, and permit people to purchase them individually? I ask the question because a great many members have had requests that they be permitted to purchase them at their face value.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I will be glad to take the matter into consideration and discuss it with my hon. friend the Minister of Finance.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****INQUIRY AS TO MEETING OF CANADA-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question which I think I should direct either to the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I wonder if I could be informed whether there is an approximate date for the next meeting of the Canada-United States interparliamentary committee, and if so where that committee meeting will take place.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. My understanding is that this is a question which should be directed to the Speaker. Perhaps the hon. member would wish to do so in writing. As I understand it the question concerns the Canada-United States interparliamentary group. If the hon. member will get in touch with Mr. Speaker that information will be given.

**AGRICULTURE****BUTTER—IDENTIFICATION OF IMPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Now that the government has made arrangements to purchase and import 2½ million pounds of New Zealand butter, would the minister assure the house that when this butter is sold to the Canadian housewife it will be labelled in such a way as to state the country of origin? Will he also assure the house that it will in no way jeopardize the high quality of Canadian butter?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, this butter will be up to Canadian standards. I think it will be sold entirely on the west coast. The amount of butter being imported is in fact sufficient only for two days' normal consumption in Canada. In respect of the matter of labelling, I will be