Inquiries of the Ministry

and so am I. Cannot something be done in this direction?

Mr. Hellyer: I will be pleased to take note of this suggestion and perhaps pass it along to the individuals involved.

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence which may be related to moonlighting by members of the armed forces. Can the minister say approximately when an announcement of a general pay revision for the armed forces will be made?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, subject to the kind and courteous co-operation of the Minister of Finance and my other colleagues, I still hope it will be October 1.

Mr. McCleave: And will it be 14 per cent?

Mr. Hellyer: It would not be proper for me to give any indication of what my colleagues might approve until the announcement is ready to be made.

GRAIN

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.—INCREASE IN ELEVATOR CAPACITY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my favourite question to my favourite minister and ask the Minister of Agriculture whether over the summer recess he has come to a favourable decision about the grain elevator in Prince Rupert?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in answering my favourite New Democratic Party member, after the hon. member for Kootenay West, I might say that the decision with respect to Prince Rupert is under review at the present time.

[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTITUENCY RETURNING OFFICERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State or the minister responsible for the appointment of returning officers in the various electoral ridings in Canada.

Could the minister tell the house if the new returning officers have already been appointed and, if so, if it would be possible to get the names of those 265 returning officers?

[Mr. Winch.]

[English]

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Some have been, Mr. Speaker, but I could not possibly remember any of the names. I think there has been no change—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe this question is not so urgent that it could not be placed on the order paper.

AGRICULTURE

ARDA-MOVE OF MARITIME REGIONAL OFFICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Forestry. Is the minister in a position to indicate when he might meet with a delegation from the town of Amherst over the intended move of the regional ARDA office from Amherst to Moncton?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question of course is of importance to the hon. member, and perhaps to other hon. members, but it is not, I think, of the type that should be asked at this time. It is local in character and I suggest to the hon. member that it should be placed on the order paper. Perhaps he might get in touch with the minister directly.

Mr. Coates: I have placed the question on the order paper, Mr. Speaker, but I anticipate that the answer is going to be available before the question on the order paper can be answered.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

RETURN FROM U.S. OF ESCAPED PRISONERS FROM CANADIAN PENITENTIARY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and relates to the arrest and current detention in the United States of four escapees from a Canadian penitentiary.

Is the minister aware that a statement has been made by the United States Attorney General's department to the effect that two of these four escapees, being of Indian origin, are not to be returned to Canada and, indeed, that they may not be extraditable to Canada? If the minister is aware of this, can he say whether any action is contemplated with a view to challenging this statement and the position taken?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take this question as notice and deal with it tomorrow.