

*Mutual Funds and Investment Reforms*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member could perhaps resume his seat. I regret to interrupt him, but the discussion seems to be getting ever farther away from the matter now under consideration, that is the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. I would invite hon. members who wish to take part in this interesting debate to restrict their remarks to the point raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**Mr. Laniel:** Mr. Speaker, my argument is quite simple: it is that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre seems to deny the right to information of the people and of all hon. members. For example, a similar criticism meant to deny to the government members the right to information, advice and participation, was made by the opposition.

This indicate all the same that there is within the opposition a negativism which is ineffectual and outmoded nowadays.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I thank hon. members for the advice and counsel they have given the Chair. I am informed there are a number of precedents which perhaps should be looked at by the Chair before a decision is made. If hon. members will allow me to do so, I will hold the matter in abeyance and look into the precedents which have been brought to my attention. I shall do so as soon as possible and perhaps within the next few hours give a ruling on the proposed motion of the hon. member and on whether there is a prima facie case of privilege.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### MUTUAL FUNDS AND INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

#### TABLING OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table the report of the Canadian Committee on Mutual Funds and Investment Contracts in the two official languages.

This was a special federal-provincial study group. I want to thank all members of the committee and those who helped them for this thorough report. As hon. members will see, I will want to study it before making any further comment.

[Mr. Laniel.]

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

### CONDITIONS ON RESERVES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House I should like to move a motion at this time under Standing Order 43. I hear from the other side the comment, "No consent." In other words the government is saying, "Do not give me the facts, my mind is already made up." Standing Order 43 reads as follows:

A motion may, in case of urgent and pressing necessity previously explained by the mover, be made by unanimous consent of the House without notice having been given under Standing Order 42.

In order to make the case for urgent and pressing necessity I should like to point out briefly that some two years ago an extensive tour of Indian reserves was mapped out by the Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The situation was critical and there was a great sense of urgency about the matter. Unfortunately, since that time other events well known to members of the House have intervened including the advent of the just society and the visits have never been made. Meanwhile the situation on the reserves has worsened considerably as we have discovered in the House from various comments by members.

I raise this matter now because of a report from Manitoba that a touring committee of the Manitoba legislature has visited the reserve at Reindeer Lake in northern Manitoba and discovered that this community faces a grim winter with little food. The report is substantiated by Mr. G. E. Smith, an anthropologist with the Canadian National Museum who has been in that area for several months, in these words:

It looks quite bad. With the late freeze-up there is even some suggestion that there will be no tractor trains in here this winter.

Because Indian affairs come directly under the jurisdiction of Ottawa I should like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Yewchuk):

That the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development be authorized to adjourn from place to place so that it might during the Christmas recess investigate the rapidly deteriorating plight of the native people of Canada and report forthwith to this House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon.