

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

corporation, is charged. Otherwise no fee is charged.

## POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER PUBLICITY IN U.S.

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that a recent survey indicated that most Americans are still unaware of what Expo means, or what the Expo symbol is, can the minister say whether increased advertising is contemplated in the United States, or whether consideration has been given to the use of another name?

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** No, Mr. Speaker, there is no intention to use another name. The message is getting home. There is more penetration now and recent surveys have shown that Expo is better known and understood in the United States.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## INDIA—FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOOD AID TO MEET FAMINE CONDITIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday I indicated in reply to a question that we would be participating in meeting or helping to meet the requirements for imported food into India to cope with the danger of famine, a very real danger in that country. Canadian officials have been examining the Canadian supply and transportation situation and, on the basis of the present evidence, they have advised the government that up to \$21 million worth of foodstuffs required by India, largely wheat but some flour, could be moved in the next few months.

The government will therefore ask parliament to provide in the current fiscal year a supplementary vote of \$22,500,000 for food aid, and in the fiscal year 1967-68 parliament will be asked to vote \$75 million for food aid. This, Mr. Speaker, will permit Canada to maintain the food aid program for India at the exceptionally high level of the current year, and also to make an appropriate response to the requests that have come in from Pakistan for Canadian assistance in this field.

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

[Mr. Winters.]

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

## PROTECTION OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and ask whether his deputy, Mr. Côté, was correct in declaring in Quebec city recently that the government is preparing legislation to protect Indian arts and crafts?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, my deputy rushed to me the following morning to assert that he had made no such statement.

**Mr. Howard:** As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether in fact he is preparing such legislation.

**Mr. Laing:** Mr. Speaker, I am preparing it.

[Translation]

## FINANCE

## INTEREST FREE LOAN TO MEXICO

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

A few days ago I asked him if the \$5,400,000 loan made by Canada to Mexico was an interest free loan granted by the Bank of Canada or some other Canadian financial body. The minister told me then that he was taking my question as notice. Is he today in a position to tell me if interest is being charged on that amount of \$5,400,000?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I draw the hon. member's attention to yesterday's *Hansard*, page 10445 and there he will find the answer.

[Translation]

**Mr. Caouette:** I wish to ask a supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member cannot ask a supplementary question to a question ruled out of order.

**Mr. Caouette:** I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Finance.

He told me to refer to yesterday's *Hansard*. Now, is the minister in a position to tell the