

Inquiries of the Ministry

hon. members are made for the purpose of enlightening the Chair and of making it possible for the Chair to arrive at a ruling. As I have reached a conclusion, I believe it would not be necessary to carry on with the debate.

Some hon. members mentioned the fact that what the Chair must consider is the urgency, but more particularly the urgency of debate. I am the first to recognize that there is a matter of great importance, a matter of urgency, I would say, but what I must consider, first and above all, is the urgency of debate. In the present circumstances, should there be an adjournment of the business of the house, as listed on government orders, to debate another matter, namely that suggested by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette)?

The matter is not easy to settle and I am grateful to hon. members for their remarks which undoubtedly helped me to reach a decision. And I want to remind hon. members of citation 100, paragraph 8, of Beauchesne's fourth edition, at page 94, which reads as follows:

I do not think that, under the standing order of 1882, a motion on a subject of this kind, having such a very wide scope, was ever contemplated. What I think was contemplated, was an occurrence of some sudden emergency—

It seems to me that this is the main point: Is there a "sudden emergency"? I remember that over the last few weeks several questions have been asked about that problem following a statement made in the house by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Greene). That matter was dealt with a few times on the adjournment motion. I do not feel therefore that this is a "sudden emergency" which would justify the adjournment of the house at least today under the present circumstances.

[*English*]

It has been pointed out by some hon. members that there will be an opportunity for a full fledged debate on this very important matter when we reach interim supply. It is difficult to determine whether this would be soon enough to meet the necessities and requirements of the situation, but I would judge that in the present circumstances the matter might be left in abeyance, and I suggest that there is not sufficient urgency of debate today to accept the motion moved by the hon. member for Villeneuve.

[Mr. Speaker.]

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL**SUGGESTED INVITATION FOR VISIT BY
PRINCE CHARLES**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have spoken to the Prime Minister with reference to the question I am about to ask. In centennial year has the government given consideration to inviting Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, to visit the senior of the realms he will serve as monarch in the years ahead, it being particularly appropriate that he see this country during centennial year? In any event, would the Prime Minister give consideration to extending an invitation through the proper channels for the attendance of the prince in company with his father, Prince Philip, at the pan-American games in Winnipeg?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the possibility of the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne visiting Canada during our centennial year was canvassed some months ago, and it was indicated to us that there was some difficulty in the minds of the royal family in asking the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne to take on official duties at this stage in their lives. It did not seem desirable to pursue the matter at that time in an official way with regard to an official visit.

The right hon. gentleman has suggested that perhaps the same consideration would not apply in respect of a visit by the Prince of Wales with his father to the pan-American games. I recall, as I am sure the right hon. gentleman does, that the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne both went to the British Empire and Commonwealth games in Jamaica. They had such a good time there that perhaps they would be glad to repeat the pleasure in Winnipeg. I shall be glad to look into the matter.

DAYLIGHT SAVING**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AT DOMINION-
PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Speaker: The right hon. member for Kootenay West.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister, and I would like the house to know that my questions all originate in the minds of the people. In view of the great inconvenience suffered by