

*Inquiries of the Ministry*COST OF BORROWING IN CANADIAN
MONEY MARKET

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Can he explain to the House how it is that in the face of the government's monetary and fiscal restraint policies the cost of borrowing in the Canadian money market hit an all-time high last week all across the board?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, that situation is not confined to the Canadian money market but obtains throughout the world.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DELIVERY OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO BIAFRA

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Following the conversations he had last evening with the heads of Canairelief, can the Prime Minister indicate whether the government is seriously considering participating directly in the flying in of food to Biafra during the night hours?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add beyond what I said in my speech, that we are looking at alternative methods of ensuring the relief of starving people.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board in his capacity as Acting Minister of National Defence. Have any preparations been made for the invasion of Montreal this weekend by the Saskatchewan Roughriders?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, as a Montrealer I can say that adequate preparations have been made for their repulse.

Mr. Burton: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in the likely event that the defenders of Montreal are routed, have preparations been made to establish evacuation centres in the Ungava region?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

TRANSPORT

RAILWAY ORDER RESPECTING FROST
DAMAGE TO FLOWERS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is of great [Mr. Benson.]

and immediate urgency to the florist industry of western Canada and arises from an order which has been made by the CPR, which I understand is also to be adopted by the CNR, whereby consignees of flowers henceforth will be required to take the risk of frost damage. This practically strikes a death blow at the florist industry. Have representations been made to the minister and will he bring those representations to the attention of the railways?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, in this particular case I saw a most awesome demonstration of flower power. A protest was received yesterday along with a very nice bunch of roses. As a result, since this was done in such an amiable fashion, I have arranged for a meeting between the parties concerned and the railways. I believe that will be taking place on Monday. I have also indicated my sympathy for the florists in this matter.

COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS

INVESTIGATION OF MR. SAULNIER'S
STATEMENTS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Solicitor General whether, following the statements made by Mr. Saulnier to the Prime Minister last spring, the Solicitor General at any time gave instructions or launched any sort of investigation with respect to any of these charges or matters arising out of any of these charges?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the information, as I understand it, was not in the nature of a charge or anything like that. There has been full information communicated to the Solicitor General and appropriate action taken throughout.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I want to make sure the Solicitor General understands me. What I asked was whether, following the receipt of this information or these charges from Mr. Saulnier—perhaps the Prime Minister may prefer to answer this question—the Solicitor General launched an investigation or gave instructions with regard to any such investigation?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I should, I think, deal with the matter this way. The hon. member is asking whether we launched an investigation. The work of the police authorities in this kind of activity relates to persons. The information was passed on to