

Inquiries of the Ministry

has any such power. We are calling upon people to exercise restraint. I know some people are using the nickel price increases as an excuse to raise prices. The amount of nickel in a car is five pounds which should lead to an increase, if any, of .07 per cent or on a \$10—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Unless the minister wants to revert to motions and make a statement, I think the matter should not be proceeded with.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS**AUTOMOBILE PRICE INCREASES—INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION**

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, would the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs state whether he has begun the investigation of auto prices which he stated last August was to be undertaken?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my colleague the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is heavily involved in negotiations with regard to the automobile agreement and the price of cars both in Canada and between Canada and the United States is very much a subject of those investigations.

[*Translation*]

COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS**MONTREAL—ALLEGATIONS BY MR. SAULNIER OF DISTURBING ACTIVITIES**

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: The Secretary of State on a question of privilege.

Mr. Pelletier: Since we are back to that subject, I would not like the House to be misled by an answer I gave earlier. I said that nobody had informed me. I thought then that the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan) was asking me whether I had been informed of the matter before it was brought to the attention of the Prime Minister. But I have already stated publicly, and I repeat it here, that every time the Prime Minister has been informed of such matters, he relayed the information to me and conversely I acted the same way with him.

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): In connection with the answer just given by the Secretary of State, I would like to ask him if

[Mr. Basford.]

he means that he was told last spring about the activities of the Company of Young Canadians—as the Prime Minister himself said a moment ago in the House—or if he found out later than last spring?

Mr. Pelletier: No, it was not later than last spring.

[*English*]

SPORTS**BID FOR SUMMER AND WINTER OLYMPICS**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is Canada putting in a bid for the next summer and winter olympics to be held in this country?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as far as I know now, Montreal's bid is going in. As of today I do not know whether any formal decision has been made so far as the west coast is concerned.

Mr. Paproski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Did the minister recommend the one city?

Mr. Munro: I am sorry, I did not hear that question.

Mr. Paproski: Did the minister only recommend the one city of Montreal?

Mr. Munro: No, Mr. Speaker. The only reason I pointed out Montreal was that their application has gone forward. The other application, from the west coast, has not been submitted to the government for backing or otherwise.

Mr. Paproski: A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister of National Health and Welfare saying that he has recommended Montreal?

Mr. Munro: No, I am not, Mr. Speaker.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**CONSIDERATION OF URBAN PROBLEMS AT CONFERENCE**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister assure the House that the problems of the cities as related to the constitutional responsibility will be placed high on the priority list at the coming federal-provincial conference?