

or grants to Dominion Textile Limited, Magog, Quebec, and, if so, what is the amount of each grant?

2. Who are the directors and executive officers of Dominion Textile Limited, Magog, Quebec, and what is the address of each?

3. To what extent is this company non-resident or foreign-owned or controlled?

4. What is the name and country of the known non-resident ownership in this company?—Sessional Paper No. 2/1,765.

Mr. Forest, Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council, presented,—Return to the foregoing Order.

The Order being read for the consideration of the Business of Supply;

Pursuant to Standing Order 58, Mr. Matte, seconded by Mr. Rondeau, moved,—That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the Government's inability to effectively combat the frightening increase in the public debt, the public sector of the Canadian economy, including the federal government, the provinces, the municipalities and the school boards should be financed by direct interest-free loans from the Bank of Canada, repayable at the rate of the depreciation on the assets thus created.

And debate arising thereon,

And a question of privilege having been raised as to the publication of certain details from a LeDain Commission Report which had not been tabled in the House of Commons.

#### RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I thank the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) for his contribution to this very interesting point. As indicated by the Chair earlier the necessary notice was given just about an hour ago and this gave the Chair time for reflection and study of the precedents. It also gave the Chair time to come to a conclusion, even in light of the very interesting arguments brought forth by the honourable Member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) supported by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre.

Honourable Members realize that this point has already been proposed twice by way of a question of privilege. Last week on either Thursday or Friday this motion was proposed by the honourable Member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) and a similar motion was proposed earlier today. When the first motion was advanced for the consideration of the Chair the suggestion was that the fact that the report was not being published by the government and was in itself a breach of the privileges of the House and that the matter should be investigated by a committee.

After hearing argument the Chair reached the conclusion that it was not a question of privilege; that basically if a document which has been commissioned by the government is not published and the opposition wants the document to be published it can present a motion for the production of papers in the normal way.

This was perhaps a harsh suggestion and I realize it has serious practical difficulties, but the rule is there. I suggested to honourable Members that on this basis there was no question of privilege. The subsequent question came up as to whether some of the information contained in the report might have, as