

Inquiries of the Ministry

right into his mouth and he had better withdraw it. Bill C-196, the grains bill, was before the Committee on Agriculture up until the day the House rose for summer recess. As the hon. member for Timiskaming and the hon. member for Crowfoot have said, and as every other member of the agricultural committee knows, once we received notice through the mail, and thank goodness we got it through the mail finally, we came back in September to hold discussions in the committee on Bill C-197. These discussions are continuing. How the Minister of Agriculture can stand in this House and, even by inference, impute motives by saying that we have not been co-operating or that this bill could, through the use of some magic wand, be on the floor of this House for passage today, is beyond my comprehension.

Although there may be a yo-yo system of Parliamentary Secretaries and cabinet committees and a ministers' rotation system under which everything bobs up and down, the plain fact is that everyone on this side of the House does not bob up and down to the tune of the minister or even of the Prime Minister, and it should not happen on that side of the House. The minister should withdraw.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The minister—

Mr. Nowlan: I suggest he should withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: The minister was given an opportunity to make a statement. He has indicated he did not impute motives.

Mr. Horner: He certainly did. If he wants co-operation he had better withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: The minister indicated he did not impute motives. This is the only thing the Chair can ask. The minister having made that statement, I do not see how a debate can be held now on this piece of legislation which will come up again.

Mr. Horner: Not at this session.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps not at this session, but the point having been made by hon. members I suggest respectfully that perhaps the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre might be given the floor.

[Mr. Nowlan.]

SOCIAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare may I direct a question to the Prime Minister? In view of the commitment made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare that the government's White Paper on social security would be tabled before the end of the present session, can the Prime Minister say whether it will be tabled tomorrow or Wednesday?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Neither, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): In view of the fact that the commitment to table the white paper at this session apparently is not to be kept, when will we see this white paper?

Mr. Trudeau: Perhaps we will have something to say on this in the Speech from the Throne on Thursday.

FINANCE

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND MEETING—
UNDERTAKING TO PEG CANADIAN DOLLAR

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, at the recent meeting of the International Monetary Fund directors, did the Minister of Finance give any undertaking to the directors in respect of pegging the Canadian dollar and, if so, what was the undertaking?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Nothing whatsoever, other than to say that the Canadian dollar would be pegged at an appropriate time.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): May the House be advised, as it is of importance, what the minister means by an appropriate time?

Mr. Benson: The House will be informed when an appropriate time arrives.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION BASED ON
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In order to show real consideration of the needs of war veterans, and with the assurance that the official opposition would co-operate in expediting all