

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Benson: People in my constituency trust me.

Mr. Hees: Wait until you get there, Ben. You have some news coming to you.

Mr. Benson: I go to my constituency every week, which is more than you do.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance if he is going to continue to be so firm in his estimates of public expenditures, and how long it is going to take to get bills printed?

Mr. Benson: I would just like to say, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Calgary North.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICEQUEBEC—IMPRISONMENT AWAITING TRIAL—
APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has he had an opportunity to read the report on the administration of justice—the commission with reference to Quebec—and has he noticed in the report that some people have been several months in jail waiting for trial? Further, have the extra judges required been appointed by his department for Quebec?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have read the relevant parts of the report referred to by the hon. member. I might say that the daily administration of justice, the administration of the courts, is not directly a federal responsibility. As for the nomination of the judges, because I undertook to consult as widely as I could in judging the competence of men and women to be appointed to the bench, that consultation is still going forward. I hope there will be some appointments in the next two weeks or so.

Mr. Nielsen: What's the matter with Judy?

Mr. Woolliams: As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the report mentions an increase in the number of murders in Canada has the minister worked out any liaison with the province of Quebec and other provinces so far as that matter is concerned?

[Mr. Hees.]

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): We are in close touch, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Woolliams: I would like to ask another supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I am not concerned with the minister's touch. I was looking for action.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Will the hon. member ask a question?

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, Mr. Speaker. What action has the minister taken, if any, in reference to the 50 per cent increase in murders in Canada?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I think that the whole concept of violence in our society and the attitude that provokes that type of conduct are matters which, together with the provincial attorneys general, we are constantly concerned about, as indeed are all the people of the country.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Minister of Justice said he is trying to find the best men and women for judge-ships may I ask is the former hon. member for Niagara Falls under his contemplation at the moment?

An hon. Member: Oh, you are smart.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): She does not immediately come to mind, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

IMMIGRATIONSPECIAL REGULATIONS RESPECTING
IMMIGRANTS FROM U.S.

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration I wish to direct a question to the acting minister. Has the government introduced or is the government considering the introduction of special regulations that would affect certain classes of immigrants from the United States?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): Not as far as I know, Mr. Speaker, but I will convey the question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who will be in a position to give an answer later on.