

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TO ALLIED VETERANS.  
RESIDENT IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Veterans Affairs whether he has any intention of bringing before the house during this session any amendments to the veterans legislation to make provision for the payment of pensions to allied veterans of world war II who are now residents of Canada.

**Hon. A. J. Brooks (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** I should like to take this question as notice. There are certain benefits in force at the present time which apply to allied veterans and if the hon. member would be more specific as to what veterans he has in mind I will give him a more definite answer.

## PENSIONS

PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION IN RECENT  
INCREASES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of reports in the press this morning that the province of Quebec is now prepared to sign agreements with the federal government to participate in increases in various pensions which were approved at this session of parliament, can the minister say whether this completes the roll? In other words, have all the provinces now agreed to participate in these higher pension rates?

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I cannot say for certain, but I am inclined to think it does.

## COMMUNICATIONS

REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICE TO  
NEWFOUNDLAND

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Transport if he would make representations to the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation to see whether anything can be done to reduce the rather long and trying delays now met in making telephone calls to Newfoundland? The service is excellent when one gets through, but it is difficult to get through day after day.

**Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I should be very glad to do that.

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Inquiries of the Ministry  
INQUIRY FOR RETURN

## HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. H. Castleden (Yorkton):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration when I may expect a reply to my question with regard to Hungarian refugees passed as an order for return on November 20, 1957?

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** I regret that the hon. gentleman has not received a reply, and I shall look into the matter to see that one is brought down as early as possible.

## COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO WEST  
INDIES FEDERATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia):** May I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister inform the house of the results of the talks between officials of the new West Indian Federation and the Canadian government relating to economic co-operation between the two nations? Was Canada asked for a loan or other economic assistance, and can the Prime Minister say what action Canada is considering to help the newest member of the commonwealth?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** This is a rather comprehensive question, notice of which was given me just before the opening of the house; and as this is Saturday it has been impossible to communicate with the officials. As soon as that communication has taken place an answer will be given.

## POSTAL SERVICE

SHIPPEGAN GULLY, N.B.—REQUEST FOR  
MAIL FACILITIES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Would the minister issue instructions to his department to take immediate action to provide mail facilities and thereby relieve the 100 families of Shippegan Gully, Gloucester county, who have to cover a distance of over eight miles to the nearest post office in order to get their mail, a matter which I brought to the attention of the minister earlier this session and which in fact is reported in *Hansard* of October 17?