

Inquiries of the Ministry

nearing bankruptcy and will likely be exhausted during the winter of 1962-63 unless measures to restore its revenue are taken. Will the Prime Minister advise the house what action he intends to take to remedy this critical situation?

Mr. Speaker: A similar type of question was put to the Minister of Labour and I feel the answer was quite as clear as any that might be given to this question. I call now on the hon. member for Kootenay East.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, the question which was asked by the hon. gentleman is not, with great respect, the question which was asked a few moments ago from another section of the house. I believe that in view of the serious condition of the fund the hon. gentleman—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): —ought to have from the Prime Minister not only an answer to the question but also some indication as to when we may expect a report from the commission which was set up a long time ago to deal with a problem the solution of which was promised by this government a long time ago.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Churchill: Why don't you let Mike speak, Paul.

Mr. Speaker: I felt the questions were the same and unless the right hon. gentleman cares, or is willing, to make an answer then I think we shall leave it at that point.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Maybe he does.

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Kootenay East): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour simply to ask him when he may expect a report from the Gill committee that was established to investigate into all aspects of the Unemployment Insurance Act?

Mr. Starr: My most accurate information is that it will be some time this fall.

HOUSING**REQUEST FOR FINANCING OF EXISTING HOMES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Is the government giving any active consideration to amending the National Housing Act to permit the financing and sale of existing houses as is now done in respect of new house construction?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Public Works): Any consideration with regard to legislation would involve a matter of government policy to be announced in due course.

IMMIGRATION**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF POLICY RESPECTING ILLEGAL CHINESE IMMIGRANTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and offer him publicly, as I did privately, an expression of my pleasure at seeing him in his present position. Can the minister inform the house if there has been any change in government policy toward people of Chinese origin, who allegedly entered Canada illegally, as that policy was announced by the former minister on June 9, 1960?

Hon. Richard A. Bell (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I should like to thank the hon. member for his pleasant words. If there is any announcement to be made concerning the matter to which he referred, it will be made in the house.

Mr. Howard: May I ask a supplementary question? Would the minister have answered the question asked earlier in respect of the Indian Act, if that question had been posed by a member of the government?

Mr. Bell (Carleton): I answer all questions to the best of my ability.

Mr. Speaker: I feel that this matter of "bootleg" supplementaries should receive the particular attention of the members of the house, especially those who have had more experience in the house. I now recognize the hon. member for Fort William.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL**INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD FAIR**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Finance. This question arises out of a report in the *Financial Post* of September 22, to the effect that the federal government has promised the city of Montreal \$20 million to help that city obtain the world fair in 1967. Can the minister inform the house if this \$20 million comes from the \$100 million already set aside by parliament to celebrate Canada's one hundredth birthday?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of Finance): The answer is no, Mr. Speaker.