

*Inquiries of the Ministry***ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****INQUIRY AS TO NUMBER OF DEATHS
BY SUICIDE**

in bullion and other specie from Dorval airport on Monday last, the second such theft at Montreal airport, as I understand it, in approximately six months?

Is an investigation being carried out by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and what precautionary measures are being taken to prevent recurrence which would be damaging to Canada's reputation and security?

What investigation is being made of the statement by local police that this was an "inside job"?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that this is a question for the order paper.

Mr. John N. Turner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question having to do with Dorval airport.

Mr. McIntosh: Well, I have not had an answer yet. I wonder whether the minister would give an answer?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): You should give notice.

Mr. Turner: Mr. Speaker, this is quite an urgent matter.

Mr. Speaker: I suggest this question be put on the order paper.

Mr. Diefenbaker: With great deference, Mr. Speaker, this is the last day and the matter is of great importance. We are trying to expedite the business of the house, but this is a matter on which information should certainly be available.

Mr. McIntosh: I did not quite get the statement of the minister. He asked, why did I not—what?

Mr. Favreau: Give notice.

Mr. McIntosh: I should like an answer, if I may have it.

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that no minister, as I am sure the hon. gentleman would agree, can carry in his head figures and facts which concern the aspects of a very vast department. I am sure that had I received notice of this question either yesterday or this morning I would have inquired about it and would probably have been in a position to answer today. All I can do now is take this question as notice. However, I can say this. If in the meantime, at a time when the hon. gentleman is available, I obtain the information, I will be pleased to give it to him personally. I will, of course, report to the house at the first opportune time.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should also like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. With respect to the inordinately high rate of suicides in the R.C.M.P. he replied some days ago that he would undertake to look into the matter to see if he could ascertain the explanation. Is he now in a position to give that information to the house?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have obtained some information on this matter. However, I think the best way to answer the question would be to prepare a short statement that I could read to the house at the first opportunity.

What I can say is that impressions created in the press were obviously caused by misinterpretations. But, in order to give the house accurate information, I feel I should give more than just a verbal report. That is why I should like to table figures and show, with each group of figures, the causes or reasons which led to the suicides, to the extent that they could be determined by the investigations in each case.

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**DISMISSALS FOR MISAPPROPRIATION OF
FUNDS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice and ask is he now in a position to inform the house whether reports are correct that the commissioner of the R.C.M.P. recommended the dismissal and firing of two high ranking officers for misappropriation of funds, and that that decision of the commissioner was changed by himself or by the cabinet, for retirement purposes and pension, in order that they be gagged?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the decision of the R.C.M.P. commissioner was changed neither by myself nor by cabinet. At one stage of the proceedings cabinet had to take a responsibility upon my recommendation, and the cabinet took its responsibility in a sense which in my opinion was totally consistent with a sense of fair play and justice.