

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Martin (Essex East): My hon. friend the Minister of Transport says that sometimes the answers are loaded.

An hon. Member: He ought to know.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): As my friend says, he ought to know. I must bring this litany to an end. There was a meeting of the sanctions committee yesterday, but we have not had a report as yet.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO ARDA PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Forestry?

We do not hear very much about the ARDA program being carried out, I believe, throughout Canada at the present time. Is the department going on with its surveys in the province of Quebec? Where are the experts now? Where are the government experts working now?

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): You will see; there is an election in the province.

Mr. Speaker: I would suggest to the hon. member to put his question on the order paper.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have an answer today and not next week. I would like to know where the experts are now.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member wants information, he can always get in touch with the minister concerned, but I do not think his question can be put at the present time.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCEALLOWANCE OF WARTIME SERVICE
FOR PENSION PURPOSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence. My question relates to a matter concerning which certain assurances were given to us when the departmental estimates were before us a few weeks ago. Has the government made a decision to allow wartime service for pension purposes in the case of permanent force personnel?

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): The department has made a decision and made a recommendation to the government, which I believe is up for consideration now. The appropriate legislation should be before the house very shortly.

PENSIONSCOMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED
INTEGRATION LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): My question is for the Minister of Finance. Will the minister give consideration to referring the bill to integrate the various governmental pension plans into the Canada Pension Plan to a standing committee so representatives of the various civil service organizations may give evidence?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I will not give a definite undertaking that it will be referred, but I shall certainly take the suggestion under consideration.

PRIVILEGEMR. CÔTÉ, LONGUEUIL—REMARK IN DEBATE
BY MEMBER FOR VILLENEUVE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege. I regret that I could not give you notice of my question, because I have just read what I wish to refer to in *Hansard*.

Mr. Starr: Order.

Mr. Côté (Longueuil): During the budget debate the hon. member for Hull (Mr. Caron) was making a speech, and he was interrupted by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette).

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If there is a question of privilege arising out of something that happened yesterday I suggest to the minister that even though he has taken notice of the matter now for the first time, under the rules he still has to give prior notice to the Chair.

Mr. Starr: In writing.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps if he will do this in writing, according to the rules, it can be brought before the house later.

Mr. Knowles: It could be debated during the lunch hour.