

Inquiries of the Ministry

not been forthcoming. If the hon. member wishes to have tabled, up to the date of his motion, the correspondence with the provinces who have registered no objection, I shall be glad to do that this afternoon.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes. In addition I should like to know whether any provinces directed the minister not to lay on the table of the house their correspondence as to the location of the route. If so, which provinces did so?

Mr. Winters: There were several provinces which requested us not to table the correspondence between their governments and the federal government. This afternoon I shall table the correspondence I am able to table, and the hon. member will then see which provinces have not given their consent.

IMMIGRATION**TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL FROM OTTAWA TO MONTREAL AND TORONTO**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Resources about the transfer of staff in the immigration offices to Montreal and Toronto. I understand that the department pays the cost of moving, but has the department secured houses for these people in Toronto and Montreal? If so, are they Central Mortgage and Housing Company houses?

Mr. Speaker: I do not want to restrict questions unduly, but this question does seem to me to be one which should appear on the order paper.

Mr. Fraser: The staff is being moved before Christmas, which is only a month away. If I put the question on the order paper, I shall not get an answer in time.

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that if notice were given the question would appear on the order paper within forty-eight hours and an answer could be given.

Mr. Fraser: I put a question on the order paper on September 27, and I only received an answer the other day. I shall expect the answer to this question after Christmas.

May I ask the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply whether the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation are supplying houses to the Department of Mines and Resources for the immigration staff in Montreal and Toronto?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): I will take the question as notice.

[Mr. Winters.]

INQUIRY FOR RETURN**COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT—FLOUR MILLING INDUSTRY—PRICE FIXING AGREEMENTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggar): In view of the fact that amendments to the Combines Investigation Act may come up shortly, can the Minister of Justice tell me when we may expect a return dealing with the alleged assurances given by the wartime prices and trade board to the milling industry?

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): We hope we can get it ready for tomorrow. I may say that the difficulty there is that my hon. friend, in his address, mentioned any assurances that had been given by any wartime prices and trade board officials. To go back through the extremely voluminous files of the wartime prices and trade board and to make sure that the ones which are produced are all that were given is an extremely difficult task. I am afraid that in the end, though we shall try to bring down what my hon. friend wants, we shall have to assure him that it is quite impossible for us to say that what we bring down is all that any official has ever given.

Mr. Coldwell: May I say that I shall be quite satisfied if the minister produces assurances from Mr. Donald Gordon and from Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Garson: I thought that was what my hon. friend wanted, but that was not what his address for an order of the house said.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**R.C.A.F.—REMOVAL OF NO. 10 REPAIR DEPOT FROM CALGARY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. S. Harkness (Calgary East): I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Defence. Has the Department of National Defence adopted a plan to move No. 10 repair depot, R.C.A.F., from Calgary? If so, what are the reasons for this action?

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

Mr. Speaker: That also seems to be a question for the order paper.

Mr. Harkness: The minister is ready to answer it.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member says that the minister is prepared to answer it. I think that at times ministers have answered questions which should have been put on the order paper. Even if ministers are prepared to answer, I must remind hon. members, including the ministers, that only questions which are urgent should be asked or answered on the orders of the day.