

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

about the payment of war damage claims of Canadian nationals. My question arises from an appeal made to me on behalf of victims who lost their all through the sinking of the *Athenia* early in the war. Will the minister inform the house or make a statement now or later as to the payment of claims for losses sustained by Canadian nationals through enemy action?

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** The question of claims arising out of war damage is one for the department of the Secretary of State. I will take it up with the Secretary of State upon his return, and endeavour to get the information for the hon. member.

**Mr. Adamson:** I tried to get in touch with him before.

## OLD AGE PENSIONS

## PAYMENT IN NEW PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** May I ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether any arrangements have been made since the matter was discussed in the house to make possible at an early day the payment of old age pensions in the new province of Newfoundland?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** The government has taken every action within its power. I cannot say any more than that at this moment.

**Mr. Knowles:** Is the minister aware that there is an item for it in the estimates?

## HOUSING

## MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE INTO TORONTO—QUESTION AS TO COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Timmins (Parkdale):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply. Having regard to the increasingly acute housing problem in Toronto, as reported in the press of yesterday, brought about by a continuing movement of people into that city, can the minister report what progress has been made by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in the matter of a comprehensive housing project for the city of Toronto and surrounding townships?

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** The minister is not in his seat. I shall be glad to draw this question to his attention, and no doubt he will answer it later.

[Mr. Adamson.]

## FORECLOSURES IN CALGARY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. L. Smith (Calgary West):** I should like to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, of which I have not given notice. Perhaps it should be addressed to the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply. According to a Calgary paper which reached me today, it is announced by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation that in carrying out foreclosures the cash payments which have been made will be returned to the persons concerned. May I ask if that information is correct?

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** I shall be glad to direct the attention of the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply to the question.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## AUDIBILITY OF DEBATE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. A. Cruickshank (Fraser Valley):** Mr. Speaker, this is an urgent question, because I have only twenty-four hours in which to put it before the house. I wish to ask the Minister of Public Works whether prior to the entry of Newfoundland into confederation as the tenth province arrangements will be made to make it possible for members to hear questions and answers in this chamber?

**Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I understand this comes under Your Honour's jurisdiction; I shall communicate the question to you.

## INCREASED PAY FOR WOMEN CLEANERS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. John R. MacNicol (Davenport):** A few days ago I asked the Minister of Public Works a question with regard to increased pay for the women cleaners in this building. Apparently it had a good effect, although at the time the minister said it did not come under his department. Evidently what he said has had the result of these women getting an extra \$4 per month. Not knowing whom to thank, I thank him.

## APIARIES

## QUESTION AS TO FLOOR PRICE FOR PRODUCTS OF BEEKEEPERS AND HONEY PRODUCERS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. William Bryce (Selkirk):** I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture if the government has given any further consideration to the question of a support or floor price for products of beekeepers and honey