

# Opposition Opens Attack On Evasion Of Questions

By KEN KELLY  
 OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition parties have mounted an attack in Parliament designed to show that Liberal cabinet ministers are undermining one of the pillars of parliamentary government—the right of MPs to receive truthful replies to their questions.

Twice last week Progressive Conservative MPs, with some help from Social Credit, turned the spotlight on replies given to the Commons by Prime Minister Pearson, Postmaster-General Denis and State-Secretary Pickersill.

Mr. Pearson came under fire for his reply to queries about the absence from the Commons of Agriculture Minister Hays on the final day of a two-day debate on agricultural policy.

Mr. Hays was in Western Canada in touch with the grass roots.

Later, Mr. Hays himself told the Commons he was in Kingston auctioning cattle during the morning and afternoon of the day in question and went to Edmonton, where he addressed the board of trade, on the eve of that day.

RAPPED BY HERRIDGE  
 H. W. Herridge (NDP—Kootenay West) cited this as a "never before in my experience" illustration of his contention that in this House have the opposition been given so many contradictory, incomplete or evasive answers from the cabinet benches as they have during this session.

Mr. Denis and Mr. Pickersill were objects of attack over their replies to a formal motion calling for tabling of a document which, opposition MPs said, was a patronage list including names of defeated Liberal candidates whose advice was sought on such matters as establishing new postal stations.

The motion asked for "a list of 'consultants' prepared in the office of the postmaster-general for the guidance of cabinet ministers." Mr. Denis and Mr. Pickersill denied the existence of such a document.

Eric Winkler (PC—Grey-Bruce) attempted to table a document which he referred to in the ministerial denial.

He was unsuccessful but later Erik Nielsen (PC—Yukon) accused the two ministers of making a farce of Parliament with their denials when Mr. Winkler had the document in his hands.

EXPLAINS DOCUMENT  
 Mr. Denis issued a list for guidance of cabinet ministers but doesn't exist, adding that the Winkler document was a perfunctory list to help him prepare letters.

Opposition MPs interpreted his reply as an admission that the document whose existence Nielsen had denied was in fact in existence. There were

also to Mr. Denis to resign and later an unsuccessful effort to have the whole matter investigated by the Commons privileges committee.

Although Mr. Pickersill agreed that such an inquiry should be made, the Commons declined to act and on a recorded vote upheld Speaker Alan Macnaughton's ruling reflecting an attempt by Mr. Nielsen to initiate a committee inquiry.

Social Credit Leader Robert Thompson also tried to initiate a Commons inquiry on the subject but again he was refused the unanimous consent required under the rules.

However, the opposition groups served notice throughout the dispute which spanned several days that they intended to take a closer look at ministerial replies to queries what Mr. Nielsen called their right to "forthright, frank and truthful information."

Bananas make up 45 per cent of the export trade of the Caribbean island of Honduras.

## Empress Ships May Go To B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Canadian Pacific Railway may use its Atlantic Empire ships for winter cruises in the Pacific.

President N. R. Crump said during the weekend that the ships may be used to offer cruises between Vancouver and Japan, Hong Kong and other ports.

The ships now are used on the transatlantic run except in winter months when they cruise between New York and the Caribbean.

## Deficit Is \$96 Million In 6 Months

OTTAWA (CP)—A budgetary deficit of \$96,000,000 in the first half of the current fiscal year was announced in Finance Minister's statement on the state of his treasury.

Nearly half of the April-September period's operations was incurred in the month of September, when the government was out \$46,300,000 into the red.

By year end there was a \$67,000,000 deficit for the first half of the 1962-63 fiscal year, and \$61,600,000 deficit in September, 1962.

The six-month deficit compares with a \$585,000,000 deficit for the full 1962-63 year—a figure that was boosted to \$655,000,000 by his July 8 changes in the budget. Government expenditures usually rise sharply at the end of each fiscal year in March.



Two major projects are slated to start soon. One is the blue metal aniler to be constructed in the Barabur, N.B., area by Brunswick Mining and Smelting Corporation with expenditures estimated at about \$20,000,000 while another project is a \$1,000,000 fish processing plant at Georgetown, P.E.I.

## Outpaced By Spending

The report showed that rising revenues this year have been outpaced by the increase in spending.

Budgetary revenues in the six months April - September were \$2,382,300,000 compared to \$2,848,200,000 a year earlier.

Budgetary expenditures rose to \$2,778,700,000 from \$2,312,200,000.

The report also showed a six-month deficit in the old age security fund—not included in the budgetary account—of \$1,700,000 compared with \$21,200,000 a year earlier.

The increase in budgetary revenues has been sparked by higher collections in most of the major tax fields except import duties.

## Big Turnip At Rosebank

The large turnip pictured above is one of many of a similar size grown this year on the farm of Heber Profit at Rosebank, near Alberton, Pictou.

turned holding the 15 pound, one ounce turnip is his 10-year-old daughter, Endi. The turnip is of the Laurentian variety not normally of such a huge size.

## Nuclear Arms Co-ordination Seen Possible

PARIS (Reuters) — Armed Forces Minister Pierre de Gaulle said here co-ordination of British and French nuclear forces was "not excluded in the future in the form of common study of situations that could arise."

He was commenting at an Anglo-American press luncheon on a recent suggestion by Maurice Schumann, president of the affairs committee of the National Assembly, that some arrangement for co-ordination should be made with Britain.

Messner said only President de Gaulle could give the order for France's nuclear force to go into action even in "tactical" operations.

He said there could be no question of any reduction of power to a group of men for such a decision and consequently, European nuclear force could not be envisaged until European political unity was an accomplished fact.

## Prospects In Atlantic Area Affected By U.S. Economy

HALIFAX (CP)—Short term prospects of the Atlantic provinces are perhaps affected more at any one time by the economy of the United States than by any other factor.

According to the October newsletter of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, the Atlantic regional outlook is good if the United States economy continues its present strength and business expansion.

Next April, if there is no dip in this trend, the United States will set a peacetime record for the duration of a business expansion—37 months since March, 1948.

If Congress accepts President Kennedy's proposals for tax reduction, then the record long expansion will be almost assured. Already the House of Representatives has passed an \$11,000,000,000 tax cut for 1964.

Business investment in new plants and equipment is expected to receive some push from the proposed tax cuts. The strength of the American business is indicated by several things, such as the absence of speculation in stock market shares and the consistency of corporation profits.

U.S. CAPITAL SCARCE  
 U.S. monetary development, as the Kennedy-proposed interest equalization tax, designed to ease American balance of payments problems, has contributed to a tendency to "dry up" as Finance Minister Gault puts it—United States investment capital as far as new Canadian issues are concerned.

These developments have led to an increase in short-term Canadian interest rates which has had the effect of adding a degree of uncertainty to the Canadian prospects for economic expansion.

It is a more positive note, however, the basic strength of Canada's current expansion has dug in a bit as it is in real months.

The recent sale of wheat and wheat flour to Russia will provide additional purchasing power to the Canadian economy of \$200,000,000 over the next year. A portion of this will come from the U.S. rail connections to the Maritimes, with Halifax and Saint John port facilities handling part of the grain.

During the summer, the economy of the Atlantic provinces remained auspicious. Employ-

## Stone Implements Being Studied

OTTAWA (CP)—Stone implements dug from two of the oldest known Indian campsites in Canada are being studied and classified by archeological teams of the National Museum of Canada during a busy summer field season.

The northern affairs department has reported that a museum team excavated one site in British Columbia's Fraser River Valley that may be the oldest Indian campsite in Western Canada.

Crude stone tools from the site may have been inhabited more than 9,000 years ago by some of Canada's first human residents. The tools were scattered over a mile of old river terraces.

A hunting camp near Debert, N.S., where stone tools which indicate it was used around 8000 or 9000 B.C.

The Debert digging was done by museum explorers in co-operation with the provincial museum and the Peabody Foundation of Andover, Mass. Further excavations in India is planned there next summer.

A party explored a village site near Fort Simpson, Q.T., that is believed to date back about 4,500 years. Spear and arrowheads, hammerstones, native copper were uncovered as well as beads and chipped flint tools.

## Fulton Returns To Law Practice

VANCOUVER (CP)—E. David Fulton, British Columbia Province's first reserve lawyer, is returning to private law practice.

Mr. Fulton, whose party did not elect a member in the Sept. 30 provincial general election, made a press conference here where he will start an organizational drive in all constituencies. But he said he could return to law without weakening his party leadership.

Mr. Fulton entered a firm in Kamloops after he was chosen party leader in January. He had spent the previous 18 years as a member of Parliament, justice minister and a public works minister.

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