

Inquiries of the Ministry

May I ask the minister whether he intends to complete this statement on motions.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, I could do so in a few seconds by enumerating some of the things that have been done recently in the field of pollution.

A federal-Ontario committee has been formed by the International Joint Commission, and is very active. An interdepartmental committee is being set up by the federal government. I am meeting next week with the Canadian representative on the International Joint Commission. I am meeting with the Ontario minister in a few weeks on this same subject and others. I intend to be as active as possible in these matters, because I give them as much importance as does the hon. member.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): A supplementary question to the minister. Will all these meetings that the minister has mentioned be carried on *sub rosa*?

VETERANS AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO ACTION RESPECTING AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Does the minister intend to introduce legislation to change the pension act, as he promised last session and as recommended by the committee on veterans affairs in 1963?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I do not know whether it is proper to answer that question. I did promise, and carried out the undertaking last year on the question of amending the act.

I am certainly not going to commit myself to anything at this moment until I receive the report from the inquiry committee.

Mr. McIntosh: A supplementary question. Would the minister inform the house when he expects this report from the committee which he has set up?

Mr. Teillet: I will make inquiries and report.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**REQUEST FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF BILL RESPECTING FAIR WAGES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Labour whether he is yet in a position to [Mr. Aiken.]

answer my question of last Monday concerning the possibility of bringing on Bill No. C-2, an act to amend the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act, for possible early passing.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, if my recollection is correct, what the hon. member asked me last week was whether I would discuss this matter with the government house leader; really draw it to his attention. That I have done, and I have his assurance that it will be placed on the list of work for this session when developments in the house warrant so doing.

[Translation.]

HEALTH AND WELFARE**INQUIRY AS TO HEALTH WARNING ON CIGARETTE PACKAGES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Antonio Yanakis (Berthier-Maskinongé-Delanaudière): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare?

In view of the urgency of the situation and in the interest of national health, does the government intend to compel the tobacco companies to print on the outside of cigarette packages a warning about the harmful effect of smoking?

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

[English.]

GRAIN**WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO DATE OF FINAL PAYMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Finance. I wonder whether the minister is now in a position to tell the country the exact date when the cheques for the final wheat payments will be issued.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I am not yet in a position to announce this date. I have received the first recommendation from the wheat board for the transfer of the unsold balance, and I expect that within the next day or two I will be receiving their recommendation for the level of final payments.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Enns (Portage-Neepawa): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Manitoba representative in the cabinet. I should like to