

Inquiries of the Ministry

any progress at all is being made in getting the commission into a position where some useful steps may be taken toward a conference?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): My answer to that is, yes sir.

FISHERIES**NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT—LIMITATION ON LENGTH OF SCALLOP RAKES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): I have a short question for the Minister of Fisheries on a matter of great importance in the Northumberland strait area, something of which the minister has knowledge. Has the hon. gentleman yet reached a decision on the possible limitation on the length of scallop rakes in the Northumberland strait area?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): No, Mr. Speaker, although this question is under very active study at the present time.

Mr. MacEwan: The minister advised me in correspondence that he hoped to be able to make an announcement in this regard early in March. Could he give us an idea when a decision on this question might now be expected?

Mr. Robichaud: There are still a few weeks left before the season opens. An announcement will be made before then.

SHIPPING**USE OF ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY BY RUSSIAN SHIPS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. H. Horner (Acadia): My question is directed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is it true that Russian vessels are now prohibited from sailing up the St. Lawrence seaway for cargoes of grain and other commodities?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I know of no such prohibition, Mr. Speaker.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**STEVEN TRUSCOTT—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question [Mr. Lewis.]

either to the Prime Minister or to the Solicitor General. Has a decision yet been reached with respect to the request for an inquiry into the case of Steven Truscott?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker, but I expect to be reporting to the Prime Minister very shortly.

AGRICULTURE**INQUIRY AS TO FORMATION OF FARM SAFETY BODY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Agriculture. Did the minister receive a delegation from the National Safety League with respect to the founding of a national farm safety body in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the question should not be submitted to the minister in its present form. Perhaps the hon. member would like to rephrase it.

Mr. Noble: I have given the minister notice, and I think he is prepared to make a reply.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will agree, I am sure, that it is not in order for a member to ask whether a minister has received a delegation or has received representations about certain matters.

[Later:]

Mr. Noble: Perhaps I can rephrase my earlier question. Can the Minister of Agriculture make a statement to the house with respect to his attitude toward farm safety in Canada?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): I am all in favour of farm safety, Mr. Speaker.

NATIONAL PARKS**COMPLAINTS RESPECTING OPERATION OF NEW POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. M. Horner (Jasper-Edson): I have a question for the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Having received further representations from the residents of the area of Jasper, can the minister tell us whether the inquiry promised both by himself and by the Prime Minister will be set up to hear representations on national parks policy, and if so when?