

Inquiries of the Ministry

The Minister of Finance and I were both much impressed by the very high calibre of the members of the new administration, and came away convinced that the very warm and friendly personal relationship that had been built up during the past three and a half years with the previous administration will be maintained, which will be beneficial, of course, to both governments.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): May I ask the Minister of Finance whether he has a supplementary statement to make in addition to that made by the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Only this, Mr. Speaker; that the visit to which my colleague has referred afforded an opportunity to raise the question as to when the next meeting of the continuing Canada-United States joint committee on trade and economic matters might be held. The last meeting was held in Washington in 1960, and we extended an invitation to the members of the United States administration to meet with us at an early date. They received the suggestion very cordially, and we expect to have arrangements made soon for the holding of the next meeting of the committee.

[Later:]

Mr. Smith (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I asked a two-part question of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and I wonder whether he would be good enough to indicate whether the government is yet in a position to announce a policy for the marketing of oil in Canada, and whether this will be done before the end of the month.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I expect to be able to announce something in this regard to the house in the not distant future.

(Translation):

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO REPORTED CHANGE OF ROUTE—CHANGE IN LAY-OUT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Marcel Bourbonnais (Vaudreuil-Soulanges): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works.

I regret not having sent notice of this question to the minister but I am sure, because he knows his department quite well, that he will be able to answer it just the same.

Could the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Walker) inform us of the contents of the telegram he sent to the minister of highways in Quebec concerning the change in lay-out of the trans-Canada highway through Vaudreuil, as announced in the newspapers this morning?

(Text):

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): I have not read any such article, Mr. Speaker, but I shall be glad to accept the question as notice.

(Translation):

Mr. Bourbonnais: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister able to confirm that the proposal now made by the province would mean a saving of \$500,000 for his department?

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: Order. I understand the hon. member's question to be more a matter of information, and scarcely supplementary.

(Translation):

[Later:]

FEASIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL INSTEAD OF A BRIDGE IN EASTERN MONTREAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Georges Valade (St. Mary): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works a question which, I think, is more sensible than the one asked by the hon. member for St. Denis (Mr. Denis).

We read in this morning's newspaper *Le Devoir* that the trans-Canada highway project calls for the building of a bridge east of the Jacques Cartier bridge, in Montreal. Could the minister tell us whether a final agreement has been reached on this between the federal and provincial governments?

If not, could he consider the suggestion previously made in this house to build a tunnel instead of a bridge at the chosen location?

(Text):

Mr. Walker: I have not read *Le Devoir*. I shall be very happy to look into the matter suggested by the hon. member.

HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS

YUKON—MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF "S.S. KENO"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to direct a perfectly straightforward question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Has the sternwheel steamer *Keno* now at Whitehorse in the Yukon been designated as a national historic monument by the historic sites and monuments board, and, if so, is the board accepting full financial responsibility for its preservation and maintenance?

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): It is true that on the advice of the historic sites and