

Inquiries of the Ministry

so the islands where the world fair is to be located may be protected?

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Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to look into that and answer on Monday.

Mr. Gerald A. Regan (Halifax): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister assure the house that there will be no extension of subsidies for winter navigation to provide extended ice-breaker services at the expense of the ports of Saint John and Halifax?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, that is a pretty complicated question which I think I should consider very carefully over the week end, and I will give an answer to the hon. gentleman on Monday.

POWER**ONTARIO—LOCATION AND CAPACITY OF PROPOSED NUCLEAR PLANT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Fred F. Stenson (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry. I should like to ask the minister whether the capacity of the nuclear electric station to be built under a federal-Ontario agreement for Ontario hydro is being increased to two million kilowatts. I should also like to ask him whether a site for this station has yet been chosen.

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): With respect to the last part of the question may I say Ontario hydro has submitted a proposed site to the atomic energy control board of Canada for approval. In response to the first part of the question, Ontario hydro is giving consideration to enlarging the capacity of the plant at a future date from one million to in excess of two million kilowatts.

WATER RESOURCES**ONTARIO—CONSERVATION WORKS ON CREDIT RIVER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, some weeks ago the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources told us we would soon have a decision on the urgent matter of the Credit river conservation scheme in Toronto. In view of the urgency of this matter has a decision been reached and, if so, what is the nature of the decision? If no decision has been reached, when can we expect one?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, perhaps the inquiry of the hon. member was prompted by a story which appeared in the *Globe and Mail* two days ago, in which it was intimated that a favourable decision might be forthcoming in this matter.

We are still considering this proposal and may be for a short while yet, and I want to tell my hon. friend why. The benefit is almost 71 per cent applicable to recreation as against other uses, in other words the purposes of flood control, avoidance of possible flood damage, and so on. I am going to admit very frankly that this heavy proportion of recreational use applicable under the act is worrying my officials. It has been suggested, and it was suggested in the article, that there might be a division of responsibility among the first, second and third phases and the final phase, and we are looking into that matter now.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): Mr. Speaker, I have a question of international importance for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. First I should like to congratulate the minister on having been elected honorary president for Canada for the international co-operation year. In the light of his new interest in international co-operation I should like to ask him whether he has given consideration to the appointment of the hon. member for Red Deer, a man of wide African experience, as the Canadian adviser to the Zambian space program.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would treat this question as one of great seriousness coming as it does from such an erudite and scholarly student of international problems. I may say that I have not given consideration to this particular proposal, but I do recognize that the hon. member for Red Deer is perhaps one of those members of this house best qualified to speak with some authority on African affairs.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**VANCOUVER—POSSIBLE USE OF FORMER R.C.A.F. BASE**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Industry whether he is now