

Inquiries of the Ministry

and that 150 representatives of this patrol from Waterloo county and the Windsor and Hamilton districts are visitors in the gallery this morning?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful to the hon. member for Waterloo North for giving me the answer to this question. I am sure I speak for all members of the house when I welcome these young people to the galleries of the house and commend them for the very useful work they are doing.

PUBLIC SERVICE**POSTAL EMPLOYEES—INQUIRY AS TO SALARY INCREASE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. According to a report which appeared in yesterday's issue of the *Ottawa Citizen* the pay research bureau has completed a survey of salaries paid to postal employees and has made its recommendations to the treasury board. Can the minister inform the house whether a pay boost for postal employees is an immediate prospect?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, on March 31 I indicated that the salaries of all categories in the civil service were under study, and I mentioned specifically that those of personnel engaged in the postal service were under study. Whenever it is possible to make an announcement in this respect it will, of course, be made by the appropriate authority.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT**ZINC OXIDE—STATEMENT AS TO RESTRAINING ORDERS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Skeena asked what action had been taken or was contemplated with respect to the recommendation of the restrictive trade practices commission for certain restraining orders against Zinc Oxide Company of Canada Limited and Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company Limited, arising from the report of the commission regarding the production and sale of zinc oxide.

I have since obtained a further report in this matter which confirms the answer I gave the hon. member yesterday, as indicated in the annual report of the director of investigation and research for the year ended March 31, 1959, at page 16 in particular:

The evidence was referred to counsel for advice as to whether it warranted prosecution under the anti-combines legislation. Counsel advised that

in his opinion the evidence, having regard to certain conflicts therein, would not support such prosecution. The parties were accordingly advised on July 31, 1959, that, following counsel's report and careful consideration of the question within the Department of Justice, it had been decided not to direct any court proceedings in the matter.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Revenue arising out of the same report. May I inquire of the Minister of National Revenue what action has been taken or is contemplated with respect to the recommendation for the removal or reduction of tariffs on zinc? Perhaps the minister would like to take the question as notice.

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): I will certainly take it as notice. As a matter of fact it is a matter dealing with tariffs, and I think it falls within the competence of my hon. friend the Minister of Finance rather than that of the Minister of National Revenue.

(Translation):

SHIPPING**QUEBEC—STATEMENT ON INQUIRY INTO ACCIDENT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): The hon. member for Montmagny-L'Islet (Mr. Fortin) inquired yesterday about a ship that ran aground near Quebec. I am informed that Tuesday night the British tugboat *Melanie Fair*, a ship with a net tonnage of 64 tons, ran aground at Portneuf. The captain decided to sail up the St. Lawrence from Quebec without a pilot. He had a right to do so under the Canada Shipping Act, under which the acceptance of pilot services is optional.

In this particular case, the ship being of British registry, the captain will have to file a report with the customs office upon his arrival. Upon receipt of his report, it will be decided whether the matter should be further investigated.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**APPEARANCE OF LIBERAL MEMBERS ON NEWS BROADCAST**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. N. Tremblay (Roberval): Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue a few questions. First, is he aware that in the 11 o'clock T.V. news bulletin last night, on the French network, the C.B.C. featured reports of speeches made in the House of Commons yesterday, by three members of the Liberal party, and made no reference whatever to the speech of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming)?