

Inquiries of the Ministry

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

CHIPPEWA INDIAN RESERVE, SARNIA—
LAND DISPOSAL

Motion No. 105—Mr. Hellyer:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, reports and other documents exchanged between the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration or any official of the department, and any person or persons since January 1, 1958, regarding the option, sale, lease or other disposal of any of the lands comprising the Chippewa Indian reserve, near Sarnia.

Motion agreed to.

CHIPPEWA INDIAN RESERVE, SARNIA—SALE OF
LAND

Motion No. 106—Mr. Hellyer:

For a copy of contract, option or agreement for sale of part of the Chippewa Indian reserve, between the Chippewa Indians and Dimensional Investments Limited.

Motion agreed to.

C.N.R. AND C.P.R.—AGREED CHARGES

Motion No. 107—Mr. Fisher:

For a copy of agreed charges entered into by the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway, pursuant to section 32 of the Transport Act, and posted at the headquarters of the railways as set out in general order 818 of the board of transport commissioners.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

REQUEST FOR DROPPING OF QUESTION NO. 309

Hon. Raymond O'Hurley (Minister of Defence Production): Mr. Speaker, by agreement with the hon. member for Assiniboia I would ask that question 309 be dropped, as it involves information that cannot be given out by the department.

Mr. Speaker: Is the house agreed to dropping this question?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Order discharged and question dropped.

FINANCE

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION—INQUIRY AS TO CANADIAN
CONTRIBUTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance in connection with a press report concerning a United States proposal for a new billion dollar international development association. I should like to ask whether Canada has agreed to this proposal, as reported, and if so what capital contribution can be expected to be made to the resources of the proposed development association by this country.

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Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the answer is in the negative. Canada has not agreed to the establishment of any such fund. As a matter of fact no proposal has ever been made to us in concrete form. There were discussions of a preliminary nature last year on the proposal to establish an international development association, but these have never passed beyond the preliminary stage.

SAILS—IMPROVEMENT OF COMPETITIVE POSI-
TION OF CANADIAN PRODUCERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that finished sails enter Canada under special duties of 15 per cent British preferential and 22½ per cent most favoured nation, while Canadian sailmakers must pay on sailcloth a duty of 22½ per cent plus 25 per cent and 30 cents per pound most favoured nation, will the minister advise the house if any action is contemplated to improve the competitive position of Canadian sailmakers?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that this question is rather like the one with which I dealt previously. Taxation problems are properly budgetary matters. However, as has been pointed out the budget has been passed, and perhaps the minister is willing to comment upon it.

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this matter is within the scope of the reference to the tariff board and is before the board.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

U.S. INTERFERENCE WITH CANADIAN TRUCKS
IN TRANSIT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. F. Browne (Vancouver-Kingsway): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister advise the house whether or not the report in the *Toronto Telegram* of Tuesday, May 19, to the effect that the United States has agreed to lift its ban on Canadian trucks transporting imports of Red Chinese foods over United States highways, is in fact true; and if so, can he indicate when an official announcement may be expected?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the government has no information on this matter as yet. Representations were made to the United States but there has been no indication of any final decision. As soon as a decision has been made the house will be made acquainted therewith.