

## Inquiries of the Ministry

## BEEF

Bill No. 72, for the relief of Olga Katchan Parisella.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 73, for the relief of Frederick Ernest Marlow.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 74, for the relief of Frederick James Perkins.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 75, for the relief of Roger Lessard.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 76, for the relief of Phyllis Muriel Skelcher MacDonald.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 77, for the relief of Audrey Jessie Elizabeth Kinnear Park.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 78, for the relief of Alfred Ernest Farebrother.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 79, for the relief of Herve Brunelle.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 80, for the relief of Jean Frew Hawkins.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 81, for the relief of Lucy Elliott Dolan.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 82, for the relief of Phyllis Kaplan Holloway.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 83, for the relief of Marie Anna Brassard Bachand.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 84, for the relief of Sema Rubin Charles.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 85, for the relief of George Louis Draper.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 86, for the relief of William Young.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 87, for the relief of Ruth Evelyn Seivewright Day.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 88, for the relief of Mollie Balacan Pantel.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 89, for the relief of George Edward Gumbley.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 90, for the relief of Dorothy L. Grauer Shapiro.—Mr. Winkler.

## LAKE ONTARIO

## EROSION ALONG SOUTH SHORE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. P. Cavers (Lincoln):** I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Public Works. Can he say whether any remedial measures will be taken to relieve the serious erosion problem which exists on the Canadian south shore of lake Ontario?

**Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works):** The best answer I can give the hon. member is to repeat what I have said many times in the house, that the government does consider remedial works when damages are caused by, or endanger, navigation or federal government structures. Our engineers are instructed to report on these cases. When they instruct the government, amounts appear in the estimates if the government decides to proceed.

## QUESTION AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF FLOOR PRICE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. William Bryce (Selkirk):** I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Agriculture. Does the minister intend to announce this week floor prices under beef comparable to United States prices, as forecast by his parliamentary assistant in a statement quoted from Middlesex?

**Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture):** Well, Mr. Speaker, judging from the questions of privilege that have been raised today I do not think hon. members should take it for granted that anything coming over the radio or appearing in the newspapers is absolutely correct. I would rather refer to what I said the other day, namely that we hope to have a plan ready for submission to the representatives of the provincial departments of agriculture by the day after tomorrow, April 2.

**Mr. Bryce:** If I may ask a supplementary question, will the price agreed upon be at the farmer level or at the packer level? Will it be on the live or dead animal?

**Mr. Gardiner:** I would rather leave that until I finish talking with the provinces.

## INDIA

## REPORTS OF FAMINE—APPEALS FOR AID

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. Earl Catherwood (Haldimand):** I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Would the minister make a statement clarifying the reports that millions of people in the state of Madras, India, are facing famine and starvation; and has the government received any representation or special appeal for aid from that country?

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I think probably that question should be directed to me rather than to the Secretary of State. I have seen reports in the newspapers about the serious food and water situation in Madras, but no official report of any recent deterioration in the situation has been received, nor has any representation or special appeal been made to this government by the government of India. However, the hon. member will be aware that we are in close touch with the government of India in respect of the use to be made of the funds that we have made available to India in connection with the Colombo plan. Ten million dollars from those funds have been used to purchase wheat for India. That wheat is now arriving there and no