

*Inquiries of the Ministry***SHIPPING**

## INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he is preparing amendments to the Canada Shipping Act and the St. Lawrence Seaway Act in accordance with the recommendations of Mr. Justice Norris and, if so, when does he expect to bring these amendments before the house?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, legislation on both these subjects will be brought before the house. It is being prepared, but at the moment I am not prepared to disclose its contents in answer to questions on orders of the day.

**COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS**

## SOUTH AFRICA—CONTINUATION OF TRADE PREFERENCES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the republic of South Africa has left the commonwealth and is pursuing policies which are at variance with everything the commonwealth stands for, is the government giving any thought to discontinuing the commonwealth preferences which we now extend to that country?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, no immediate consideration is being given to that matter. It has been under consideration in the past, but if there has been any change in the situation in recent weeks or months I will be glad to let my hon. friend know.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Red Deer.

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** My question has been answered, Mr. Speaker.

**TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES**

## RECOMMENDATION RESPECTING PURCHASE OF NEW PLANES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a very short question for the Minister of Transport, and he can give the information required in a very few words. Has the board of directors of Trans-Canada Air Lines made a recommendation to the government as to what new jet plane

T.C.A. should purchase, and which of the three planes concerned has been so recommended?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, they have made a report to the government.

**Mr. Knowles:** What about the second part of the question; which of the three planes has been so recommended?

**Mr. McIlraith:** I am not prepared to answer that question at the moment.

**POWER**

## PEACE RIVER—APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works, notice of which I sent to him. I should say that as a result of the caveat which Your Honour has just laid before us I have changed the form of the question somewhat. What action, if any, does the government propose to take in respect of the continuing failure of the British Columbia government or the agency of that government engaged in the construction of the Peace river dam to file an application for approval under the Navigable Waters Protection Act?

**Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the notice just reached me in the house a few minutes ago, and I am not in a position to answer the question today. I will take it as notice, and within the next few days I shall give the information desired.

**AGRICULTURE**

## WHEAT—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Acadia):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Can he now inform the house whether it is true that he is now prepared to accept the policy of the former minister of agriculture with regard to the growing of wheat in western Canada, namely that farmers can grow all they are able to grow?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, when I make my statements I make them about this government's policy. I do not have any reference to the past.

**Mr. Horner (Acadia):** A supplementary question. Can the minister clarify the issue, then, with regard to whether the farmers should grow all the wheat they can?