

SHIPPING

MONTREAL—SURCHARGE ON PORT
HANDLING CHARGES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I think the most appropriate minister for me to address my question to is the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Further to the announcement yesterday by the Minister of Labour respecting the difficulties in the port of Montreal, has the Minister of Trade and Commerce received any complaints concerning the recently announced 25 per cent surcharge on port handling charges at Montreal? Also, is the minister investigating the serious effects of these added costs on the sale of Canadian products abroad?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): No, sir, I have not.

FISHERIES

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FRESH
WATER FISH MARKETING BOARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric Stefanson (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. When will the government report on its position with respect to the recommendations of the McIvor commission on fresh water fish marketing?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, we completed our preliminary studies. With respect to the provincial governments concerned we are prepared to collaborate with them in developing suitable joint marketing arrangements and we have told them so. The Minister of Fisheries, I understand, plans to meet with representatives of the provinces concerned to determine to what extent the other aspects of the commission report should be implemented, having regard, of course, to the provincial and federal respective jurisdictions.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

CONSIDERATION AT SAME TIME OF OLD AND
NEW BUDGET PROPOSALS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth): I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare in his capacity as leader of the house. Does the government intend to present its supplementary budget

Inquiries of the Ministry

before we deal with the resolutions pertaining to last June's budget, so we can deal with the resolutions of both budgets together?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The announcement of business last night indicated that we would wish to proceed with the budget resolutions following the committee stage of the corporate and consumer affairs bill. However, I would be happy to consider the suggestion made by the hon. gentleman.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—REPORTED STATEMENT BY MIN-
ISTER RESPECTING U.S. POSITION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and ask whether his criticism yesterday was directed against Australia, New Zealand and other countries which are engaged in the war in Viet Nam when he used these words:

No nation has a right to interfere in the matters of other countries except under the auspices of the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest to the hon. member that the question as asked is not in order, because he is inviting the minister to comment on a speech he made outside the house. There might be some other way of asking the question. It might be asked directly by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre.

Mr. Churchill: I was using the direct words of the minister; I thought he would like to give the house an explanation. Against whom was he directing his criticism? Surely he would not be going back to the Russian entry into Hungary a few years ago?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The hon. gentleman was apparently basing his question on a press report. I might say to him that there is no one in these matters who is a greater master of distortion and confusion.

Mr. Churchill: On a question of privilege, I want to save the dean of the house from a grievous error. In the 32 years he has been here I do not think he has committed an error like that, and I am sure he wishes to withdraw and apologize to the house and set a better example to junior members like myself.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.