

Inquiries of the Ministry

make a statement this week as to the government's intentions with regard to the recommendations contained in the Glassco commission report?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I could probably be ready to make a statement on this matter very soon, but first I would want to have a word with the leader of the house.

Mr. Scott: Can the minister indicate when we can expect this important statement?

Mr. Lamontagne: I may give an answer to the hon. member tomorrow.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I.—INQUIRY AS TO CLOSING OF STATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister advise me whether he has received a telegram from the Charlottetown and district labour council regarding the possible closing of the R.C.A.F. station at Summerside, and whether he has been able to give this important body an assurance regarding the matter?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): I have received a telegram and I am surprised that this body, or the hon. gentleman, would even think I would think of doing such a thing.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Perhaps the minister would give us his comments with regard to these suggestions that the R.C.A.F. station at Summerside is to be closed.

Mr. Hellyer: I shall be glad to tell the hon. member tomorrow.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING ANIMALS USED IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Arnold Webster (Vancouver-Kingsway): I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether he recently received a brief entitled "The protection of animals used in scientific research". If so, would the hon. gentleman tell us what action, if any, is contemplated?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice): Notwithstanding the urgency of this question and, I must say, the importance which attaches to it, the reply I have to make is that I did receive a copy of this brief. I referred it to my colleague the Minister of National Health and Welfare, because it is her department which would be concerned

with taking any initiative in this matter. At that time I explained my position to those who had sent me the brief, and suggested that they direct any further submissions they might have to make to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Mr. Webster: A supplementary question. Could the Minister of National Health and Welfare tell us what she is doing about this matter?

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR COPY OF ADDRESS BY MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

In view of the importance of the occasion, the influence of the speaker and the incalculable of his subject, would the minister provide members of the house, for their illumination, with a copy of his address at the 18th annual meeting of the Saskatchewan river development association on November 1 at Moose Jaw, after delivery?

Mr. Speaker: I wonder whether the hon. member would put that question on the order paper.

HAINES ROAD—NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, as found on page 3948 of *Hansard* of October 24 I asked a question of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources or his parliamentary secretary. Unfortunately they were away at the time I asked the question and the acting minister, the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, indicated that he would try to give me an answer.

The question had to do with the completion of negotiations between the United States authorities and the Canadian authorities with respect to the maintenance of the Haines cut-off. Can the minister tell me whether those negotiations have yet been completed and, if so, what are the results?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I think this question was answered in part last Friday by the Minister of National Defence. Negotiations are still in progress. As my hon. friend knows, a number of bodies are interested because they can see the advantage of keeping the road open and as far as possible we want to have them all participate. We expect to make an announcement shortly.