

not want to smoke Greek tobacco; but that is another subject—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pepin: Personally—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

SHIPPING

SALVAGE OF TUG "EMERALD STRAITS"— FORMAL INQUIRY UNDER ACT

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, on Monday and Tuesday of this week I and others directed questions to the Minister of Transport about a matter of concern to the Pacific coast. It had to do with a certain type of tug, its sinking, and death. I understand the minister promised to reply today. If he is now prepared to reply may I ask him to make the comments that he promised to make on this matter.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, immediately after the sinking of the tug *Emerald Straits* a preliminary inquiry was undertaken. As a result of the work of the inquiry photographs and observations were taken at the site of the wreck. The vessel was located. No structural damage was found. However it is now felt that there ought to be a formal inquiry under the Canada Shipping Act.

It is my view that the inquiry can only succeed if the vessel is brought to the surface to be examined thoroughly. Consequently, tenders to recover the tug will be called within the next few days and the formal inquiry will have the opportunity to get under way very shortly.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TEMPORARY PASSPORTS ON STRENGTH OF BRITISH BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In his absence may I direct it to the Prime Minister, and I do so without making any apology because the question relates to the passports of several hundred people who are trying to get away next week on charter tours. They are having difficulty. My question arises from the difficulties of Canadians born in Britain who need their birth certificates for proof of citizenship with the Department of the Secretary of State, after having filed such birth certificates in support of a passport applica-

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tion. Will the minister or the Prime Minister issue instructions for the use of temporary passports on the strength of the British birth certificates, in all proper cases.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I believe this possibility is being looked into by the minister and his department. But I will recall it to his attention immediately, Mr. Speaker.

FARM MACHINERY

ACTION FOLLOWING FINDINGS OF PRICE DIFFERENTIALS

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. On April 1 the minister told the house that within a few days he would receive a recommendation paper from the royal commission on farm machinery prices. Has he now received that policy paper? If so, is he prepared to make a statement about it soon?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I will check into this.

[*Translation*]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

In view of the fact that the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Montreal and the University of Sherbrooke refuse to receive the Prime Minister on St. Jean Baptiste Day, does the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce intend to commemorate the anniversary of that society, together with that of his election in the constituency of Drummond, where the Prime Minister saved him just in time?

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Calgary Centre.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED KINGDOM IN RESEARCH

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. In view of the recent recommendation of a British parliamentary committee that British international co-operative defence projects should be extended to include countries such as Canada, and that joint efforts should be made on the basis of programs developed by countries with plants