

*Inquiries of the Ministry***WATER RESOURCES****BRITISH COLUMBIA—INQUIRY AS TO SPRING RUN-OFF**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. It will be of interest to all Members of the House but particularly to those Members who come from British Columbia. In view of the unusually heavy snowfall in many portions of British Columbia during the past winter, and in view of reports that the snowpacks at higher levels are above average, has the Minister any information he can give the House as to the run-off to be expected in British Columbia rivers this summer?

Mr. Speaker: May I suggest to the hon. Member that this is a question for the order paper, important as it may be.

IMMIGRATION**TORONTO—CONSIDERATION OF STATUS OF DUANE DOYLE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, a copy of which I sent to the hon. gentleman this morning. In view of the fact that in several instances the Government has denied landed immigrant status to printers from outside of Canada working as strike-breakers in the plants of the Toronto daily newspapers, will the Minister check the case of Mr. Duane Doyle, on whose behalf I am told the Toronto *Daily Star* is pressing for landed immigrant status?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I thank the hon. Member for having given me notice of this question. While I cannot admit that the Toronto *Star* has been pressing the Department, I can assure the hon. Member I will look into the matter at once.

INQUIRY AS TO WHITE PAPER AND AMENDMENT OF ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. In so doing perhaps I am being non-political, because I want to preface my question by stating that in the 12 years I have been in the House of Commons this is

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the first Minister to give immediate ministerial attention to problems brought to his attention, and I want to thank him for it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Winch: And I really mean that, Sir. I should like to ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration if and when, in view of the announcement made in the Speech from the Throne, it is his intention to produce a white paper on the changes in the Immigration Act. If not, when does the Minister anticipate introducing the amendments, promised for so many years by previous Ministers and which we hope he will fulfil?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, first of all I should like to thank the hon. Member for his kind words about me. In answering his question I can say that we have already done a great deal of work on the white paper. We have now reached the stage where I find it difficult to keep up with the volume of material which is coming over my desk. I hope we will be able to finish the white paper so as to lay it before this House within a matter of approximately three months. After it has been distributed it will be referred to a committee for consideration.

Mr. Winch: A supplementary question. Would it be sent to a special committee of this House, a joint committee or a standing committee?

Mr. Nicholson: I cannot say at the moment. It may well be a special committee, but it will likely be a committee of this House, which will have full opportunity to study the material in the white paper and to invite representations from chambers of commerce, boards of trade, labour organizations, agricultural organizations, ethnic groups and others interested in this important matter.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Guy Marcoux (Quebec-Monimorency): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister, and I am sorry that I did not give him any notice.

Inasmuch as the hockey season is over and the time is near for picking up players on waivers, is it true that the Prime Minister is planning to exchange the Minister of Forestry for Premier Jean Lesage of Quebec?