

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TOBACCO****INQUIRY AS TO PRESENTATION OF INTERIM BUDGET**

On the orders of the day:

refers is dealing with the effect of the taxes and restrictions which came in well on in this year.

Mr. Fulton: When the hon. gentleman is giving the figures—I have no idea what they will show—will he also bring down figures to show the sales in British Columbia, because I understand the advertisement came from the British Columbia Motor Vehicle Association.

Mr. Sinclair: In fairness to the dealers of my own riding and other B.C. ridings, this scurrilous advertisement did not come from the British Columbia dealers but from the Vancouver motor dealers.

Mr. Fulton: Will you bring that down?

Mr. Sinclair: I will be glad to obtain those figures.

Mr. Harkness: When the parliamentary assistant is bringing down the information to which he refers, will he also bring down information as to whether the figures given in this advertisement in respect to the amount of federal tax here and in the United States, namely, \$450 in Canada and \$100 in the United States are correct. If not, what are the correct figures?

Mr. Sinclair: The hon. member had every opportunity to ask that question when the excise tax bill was before the house last spring. My recollection is that he did ask that question.

WHEAT**STORAGE FACILITIES AT CHURCHILL—REQUEST FOR ENLARGEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Knight (Saskatoon): I should like to repeat to the Minister of Transport the question that I asked the other day, which he did not answer owing to the fact, as he said, he had no representations at the time. Has the government any plans for the enlargement of the facilities for grain handling at the port of Churchill, in view of the representations now in the hands of the government from the interprovincial farmers' union council?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): If my recollection serves me rightly, I have received a letter from some union in Saskatchewan. Before I reply to the question I should like to read the letter more carefully than I have because I received it only this morning. When I have read it perhaps I shall be in a better position to reply to the question.

Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. I recognize that he cannot go into too much explanation, since I have not given him notice of it. In view of the rumours started by certain circulars affecting the tobacco industry of this country, is there any intention of introducing what might be called an interim or "baby" budget during this session?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): No, there is no such intention.

CANADA LANDS SURVEYS ACT**REVISION AND CONSOLIDATION OF FORMER STATUTE**

Hon. George Prudham (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys) moved the third reading of Bill No. 14, respecting the surveys of public lands of Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

PENSION ACT**PROVISION FOR INCREASES IN RATES OF PENSION FOR DISABILITY AND FOR DEATH**

Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the Pension Act to provide for increases in the rates of pension for disability and for death under the act.

Mr. Brooks: Is the minister going to make any further statement now?

Mr. Lapointe: It is not my intention to make a statement at this stage. I feel, Mr. Speaker, that any statement I would make at this stage would be nothing else but a repetition of the announcement which I made on November 16, on which occasion I gave a broad outline of the increases which were proposed in the legislation which would follow this resolution. It is my understanding that this announcement, generally speaking, did meet with the approval of all hon. members in this house, of the veterans of Canada, and of their national organizations, and I would hope we would go through the stages of this resolution without any further debate.

Mr. A. J. Brooks (Royal): I thank the minister for his statement I have just a few words to say with reference to the resolution.