

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I will refer this matter to the corporation and ask for information, and I will advise the house accordingly.

SHIPPING

VANCOUVER—REPORTED LOADING OF WHEAT IN UNCLEAN SHIP

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 Transport. I am sorry I could not give him longer notice, but only about two hours ago I had occasion to send him a copy of a telegram addressed to me which stated that a shipment of wheat for the order of the people's republic of China is today being loaded in a ship at Vancouver which has not been cleaned. Fuel oil is at the bottom of the ship. I have in mind criticisms made a year ago regarding certain shipments of wheat. I would ask the minister whether he has been able to investigate the truth or otherwise of this allegation.

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I certainly will, and will ascertain that ships leaving Vancouver are properly cleaned to carry good Canadian wheat.

SHIPPIGAN ISLAND—INSTALLATION OF MARINE AID STATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester): May I ask the Minister of Transport if he is now in a position to reply to the question I asked him on Thursday, February 16, with regard to the installation of a Decca station on Shippigan island?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. In the light of the additional information the hon. member was good enough to give me regarding this question about a project for Shippigan island, I was able to make wider inquiries in the department.

I am now able to advise that we are planning to instal a Decca station on this island. The survey of the site has now been completed, and we are working on plans and specifications for the station, which will form part of what will be known as the Anticosti Decca chain. Funds have been included in the 1961-1962 estimates, and the target date for operation is the late fall of this year.

Inquiries of the Ministry TRANSPORTATION

ROYAL COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO PRESENTATION OF REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. O. J. Godin (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Could the minister advise the house whether the royal commission on transportation expects to make its report before the deadline date of March 31 this year?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have nothing to add to the information already given by the Prime Minister that the report is expected on or before March 31.

Mr. Godin: Would the Minister of Transport check this matter and advise the house in due course?

(Translation):

IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF SPEECH BY SECRETARY OF STATE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Yvon Dupuis (St. Jean-Iberville-Napierville): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State with regard to the statements he made in this house on November 18 and February 15 last.

Would he be in a position to table in this house the full text of the speech on immigration he made in the Labelle constituency and which he claims to have in his possession?

Some hon. Members: Order.

Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I see that my friend does not rely on the statements made by his own colleagues outside the house, and in that he is quite right.

The statements I made are actually correct and I object to the behaviour of certain members who sought to challenge my words. I have been practising law for thirty-three years and—

Mr. Dupuis: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I have said such a thing. I only asked—

Mr. Dorion: Mr. Speaker, what I said is the real truth. There is no need for a text to bear out my words.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: The minister was asked a question about tabling a document. I am not sure that the document in question is one which relates to the hon. gentleman's administrative responsibility. If it is, he would be at liberty to answer the question. I trust that it does not involve more than an answer to the question.