

*Inquiries of the Ministry***MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS**

SURVEYS OF IRON ORE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Arthur Laing (Vancouver South): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. Will he make a statement at this time with regard to the proposals of his department dealing with surveys of iron ore in the province of British Columbia? I make this request because of a statement heard on a C.B.C. station last night concerning export.

Hon. George Prudham (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Vancouver South was kind enough to give me a few minutes' notice of his question, but I was not able to secure complete information. With your permission, sir, I should like to bring in a complete report at the next sitting of the house.

KOREA

REPORTED DECISION THAT UNITED NATIONS FORCES SHOULD STOP AT 38TH PARALLEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggart): I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will the minister indicate whether the report is correct that United States officials have decided that United Nations troops should stop at the 38th parallel? Is this not a decision which should be made by the general assembly of the United Nations?

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The hon. member was kind enough to give me some notice of this question, which presumably refers to press reports in this morning's newspapers. I am not in a position to confirm the accuracy or otherwise of that report. The government has received no information, official or otherwise, concerning it.

As to the second question, Mr. Speaker, it is of course a hypothetical one. Under the circumstances which the hon. member contemplates, I would think it would be proper for the question to be discussed in the United Nations. The unified command is, of course, not precluded from deciding to hold the advance of the United Nations forces at any point which it deems advisable.

WHEAT

ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY INDIA FOR SUPPLIES FROM CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. Earl Catherwood (Haldimand): I should like to direct a question to the [Mr. Drew.]

Minister of Trade and Commerce. Has the government of India made representations concerning the urgent need of that country for wheat? If so, to what extent have such requests been carried out?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The government of India has not made formal representations to the Canadian government, but has made arrangements with the Canadian wheat board for supplies of wheat. The Canadian wheat board has contracted to supply the government of India with 300,000 long tons of wheat, which is now in process of being shipped in accordance with the terms of the contract. Discussions have taken place within recent days between representatives of the government of India and the Canadian wheat board with regard to the supplying of some further quantities.

I may say that the quantities of wheat that are now available for sale are limited to grades that are not considered to be milling grades; that is, they are No. 5, No. 6, and feed wheat. Discussions are now in process to ascertain whether India can use any of these grades of wheat.

Mr. Graydon: Is this part of the commonwealth plan in which Canada is participating, or is it a collateral transaction between Canada and India?

Mr. Howe: Sales have been made directly between Canada and India under the international wheat agreement to which we are both parties.

HOUSE OF COMMONSREFERENCE TO "VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS"
OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Mr. Speaker: It has been brought to my attention by the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria (Mr. MacLean) that on page 17 of yesterday's *Votes and Proceedings* it is recorded that Mr. MacLean (Cape Breton North and Victoria) seconded the motion of Mr. MacDougall for leave to introduce a bill to amend the Dominion Day Act and the Victoria Day Act. That is a mistake. The motion was seconded by the hon. member for Huron-Perth (Mr. McLean). I can assure the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria that the record will be corrected accordingly.

INDIAN ACT

AMENDMENT AND CONSOLIDATION—PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO BAND FUNDS

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend, consolidate and clarify the Indian Act, and