

Inquiries of the Ministry

end of the last session to the effect that Canadian Pacific Airlines were authorized to fly a route from western Canada to London has received the approval of the United Kingdom government as to landing rights in London?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): The answer is not yet, Mr. Speaker.

POWERCOLUMBIA RIVER—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS
WITH B.C.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lucien Cardin (Richelieu-Vercheres): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Can he report any progress in his negotiations with the province of British Columbia on the Columbia river project which was described in the speech from the throne on November 17, 1960, as the largest of Canada's national developments but which was not mentioned in the speech from the throne delivered by His Excellency yesterday.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): As I think the hon. gentleman knows, Mr. Speaker, my colleague the Minister of Finance has asked the premier of British Columbia to name a day or days when it might be convenient for him to meet with the Minister of Finance in order to discuss this matter further.

COLUMBIA RIVER—REFERENCE OF TREATY TO
HOUSE COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask the Prime Minister whether it is the intention of the government to submit the Columbia river treaty to a committee of the house for examination during the present session of parliament.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I think that question was dealt with at the last session, Mr. Speaker. There is no intention of submitting the treaty to a committee of the house for examination.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSEINTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO
IMMIGRATION ACT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. In the absence of any reference in the speech from the throne to amendment or revision of the Immigration Act, I wonder whether the

[Mr. Chevrier.]

government has abandoned its declared intention to put such legislation before parliament and is now content to legislate by order in council.

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): The answer to the last part of the question is no. After very careful study it was felt that the proper procedure would be to pass the regulations first and give them an opportunity to work, consult with the various groups who are interested, seeking their advice and co-operation and then, after that has been done, to make the necessary amendments to the act.

Mr. Pickersgill: Would the hon. lady describe the undertaking with respect to the Immigration Act as one of the twelve?

INDIAN AFFAIRS—IMPLEMENTATION OF
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I have a supplementary question. I wonder whether the course which the hon. lady just outlined with respect to the Immigration Act is the one that is going to be followed with respect to the Indian Act?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): After the recommendations of the joint committee of both houses have been fully digested and discussed with the interested parties I expect that in due time there will be amendments to the Indian Act.

SPORTSADVISORY COUNCIL—PROCEDURE RESPECTING
GRANTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The question is based upon the presumption that some confusion still exists about the advisory sports council. To whom should an organization apply for funds or assistance under this legislation? Should it apply to the minister or to the chairman of the council? If it should apply to the chairman, where is he?

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Application can be made through either party. The chairman will be in Ottawa frequently. Any communications will, of course, be going forward to him. Application can be made to the minister or to the chairman, whichever is convenient to the person making the application. Either course is perfectly satisfactory. The information is passed on to the council.