

Mr. PETERS: One last question. You mentioned that there was a study done on the upper and lower Ottawa water basins on a joint basis between Ontario and Quebec. Did the federal government co-operate in this?

Mr. CAMERON: Yes, sir.

Mr. PETERS: You mentioned that the report is not published or available yet.

Mr. CAMERON: That is correct.

Mr. PETERS: How soon do you expect it?

Mr. CAMERON: I will not pretend to set a date, but I think it is imminent that agreement will be reached between the three ministers concerned, one from each of the two provinces and my own Minister, to table the report.

The CHAIRMAN: I might just say that we have gone over our time a little bit but I am in your hands in that matter. I think I should bring to your attention two things. We have on the first round of questioning Messrs Hopkins, McCutcheon and O'Keefe. I have been advised that taking place just about at this moment is the traditional hanging of the Speaker's portrait in the railway committee room followed by a reception. It is almost twenty to one. Is it your wish that those who wish to attend this ceremony do so, and others of us continue and proceed with the first round of questioning or do you wish at this time to adjourn? I do not know how long the questioning will be of Messrs Hopkins, McCutcheon and O'Keefe. You just have one question. Yours is very brief. How about you Mr. Hopkins? Yours will be a more extensive.

Mr. HOPKINS: Well, I do not think so.

The CHAIRMAN: If some of the others wish to attend that ceremony, we could continue with these three questions. We could then complete the first round of questioning. Is that all right? Well, then Mr. Hopkins, you are first on the list.

Mr. HOPKINS: I gather from the earlier discussion between Mr. Fulton and Mr. Patterson that there has never been any discussion at a federal-provincial level, for example, a federal-provincial conference on water surveys in Canada, or research into Canada's water resources?

Mr. PATTERSON: Do I understand, Mr. Chairman, that this is with respect to a complete conference between all provinces and the federal government?

Mr. HOPKINS: That is right.

Mr. PATTERSON: —between the federal government and individual provinces.

Mr. HOPKINS: No. A federal-provincial conference on water resources in Canada, even in part.

Mr. PATTERSON: Well, I think the "resources for tomorrow" conference in Montreal did cover water resources as one of the resources, and all provinces and the federal government were associated in that.

Mr. HOPKINS: To what extent did they go in to it at that time?

Mr. PATTERSON: Well, papers were prepared. As a matter of fact, I presented a paper on water management. All this was covered in the various