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on the needed expansion of hydrological and meteorological networks and to continue studies of forecasting procedures.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the minister have leave to table this report?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, not having been favoured with a copy of the report or a preliminary copy of the minister's statement, it is difficult at this point to comment in any detail upon what has been said or the implications of what may be recommended in that document. I should like, however, to express the very real hope that as a result of the report and the consideration to be given to it by the government effective steps will be instituted without further delay to clean up the Ottawa river. It is surely a reflection of the neglect by government of this situation that while we have had a civilization here for perhaps three centuries, the Ottawa river is generally regarded by experts in the field as reflecting a more acute state of pollution than even the Rhine river in Europe, which has served industry and population for scores of centuries. This surely poses a challenge to the government of Canada and the Canadian people to clean up this river and set an example in effective and co-operative measures to restore our waters to a state in which they can again be a credit and a service to our people.

The thing that concerns me and which I particularly urge upon the government and the minister is that they should no longer hesitate to give the lead and take the initiative in this regard. It is true that it is an area in which the jurisdiction of province is involved, but we will achieve no solution, no action, no remedies unless this national problem finds on the part of the national government a readiness to advocate solutions, to take the initiative and institute measures to correct it. In this way the national problem could find a national solution. I hope the government will not hesitate any longer to take the leadership in this matter, call the provinces into consultation and with them work out co-operative measures for the cleaning up of the Ottawa river, which might then serve as a wholesome example of a solution of this nation-wide problem in the immediate future.

[Mr. Pepin.]

**QUESTIONS**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**LAND EXPROPRIATIONS FOR QUEBEC HIGHWAYS**

**Question No. 2,001—Mr. Isabelle:**

1. How much money will the National Capital Commission provide for land expropriations needed for the construction of highway No. 8 in the province of Quebec?

2. Have these expropriations been started and, if so, when will construction begin on the link between the approaches to the MacDonald-Cartier bridge and the new highway No. 8 which will follow Brewery creek?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. Extensive discussions have been held with the government of the province, and it is anticipated that an agreement will be signed. It has been estimated that the land to be used for this purpose would cost the National Capital Commission approximately \$17 million, including federal crown land.

2. No expropriations have been started for this project by the National Capital Commission.

**STUDY OF FEDERAL DISTRICT**

**Question No. 2,215—Mr. Isabelle:**

1. Has the federal government ever conducted a study on the establishment of a federal district?

2. Is a study now being conducted on this matter?

3. If so, in what year and by whom was such a study prepared and, if not, is the federal government planning to have a study conducted on the establishment of a national district including the cities of Ottawa and Hull and neighbouring towns?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. Not in recent years.

2. No.

3. No.

**HOLIDAY BENEFITS, C.B.C. CAMERAMEN**

**Question No. 2,328—Mr. Howard:**

Does each employee of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with the classification of "film cameraman" receive the benefits of Part IV, General Holidays, of the Canada Labour (Standards) Code and, if not, what is (a) the name of each such employee (b) the name of the community within which he works (c) the reason for not providing him with the said benefits?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: All film cameramen have been given the actual holidays or time