

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Jamieson: He wants a new ferry service.

Mr. Macquarrie: May I ask the minister whether he has received a request from the government of Prince Edward Island for assistance in providing for a gracious and useful retirement for the dowager queen of all Canadian rail and car ferries, the S.S. *Prince Edward Island*, and if so has he found a way to give tangible evidence of appreciation of this fine ship's half century of service?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker; I have had some submissions. We are now studying ways to assure that the dowager's bottom is kept completely in order.

GRAIN

WHEAT—ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT PROBLEMS

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce relative to his statement earlier this day with regard to proposals to alleviate the short cash supply of western farmers. My question evolves from the answers he gave the hon. member for Crowfoot and myself several weeks ago, before the Standing Committee on its tour across Canada, with regard to the international world wheat agreement. At that time he stated that some of his officials were working with their counterparts in the United States in an effort to try to iron out some of the difficulties. Can the minister indicate whether there has been any success along these lines?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): No, Mr. Speaker. There is to be a meeting of the wheat council next week in London. The prices review committee is to meet too, but I cannot give any assurance with regard to the difficulties to which reference has been made; they are still continuing.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, is the minister prepared to consider the invitation I extended to him and the Minister of Agriculture to attend the meeting of farmers of the Peace River country? I assure him I will be there for their assistance.

Mr. Pepin: I would like to know the answer of the Minister of Agriculture first.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—LAY-OFFS AT DOCKYARD

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Transport. Would the minister say whether he has taken any action regarding the serious lay-offs at the Canadian National dockyard at St. John's?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I have brought this to the attention of the C.N.R. and I am seeking leave to put further ships in there. I have nothing further to report.

Mr. Carter: Would the minister consider diverting some of the bottoms from his department to the dockyard at St. John's, to keep it busy during the summer?

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO RETURN OF MINISTER FROM SCANDINAVIA

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Can we anticipate the presence in the house on Monday of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and can we expect to hear from him a statement concerning the purpose of his recent visit abroad, and what was accomplished by that visit.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs will be in the house on Monday and expects to make a statement about any relevant aspects of his travel to the Scandinavian countries.

THE LATE EARL ALEXANDER OF TUNIS

CANADIAN REPRESENTATION AT FUNERAL OF FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer a question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Malpeque concerning arrangements for the funeral of Lord Alexander. It appears that the funeral will be held on Tuesday, June 24, St. Jean Baptiste day, at St. George's Chapel in Windsor. The Canadian government will be represented by our High Commissioner and the Chief of the Defence Staff, General Allard. I have also asked Mr. Lester Pearson if it is possible for him to act as my personal representative at the funeral.