

LETTER EXPLAINING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OLD AGE SECURITY AND VETERANS
ALLOWANCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. For the information of the members of this house would the minister inform us as to the contents of the circular letter which was sent out by the chairman of the war veterans allowance board to all war veterans allowance recipients, in which he explained the relationship between old age security and war veterans allowances, and advised them on how to proceed?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, perhaps the best way of dealing with this matter might be for me to table a copy of the letter at the first opportunity, and I would be pleased to do that.

PUBLIC WORKS

AMHERST, N.S.—USE OF CANADIAN MATERIAL
IN WHARF EXTENSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister any good news for the week end about the extension of Pugsley wharf terminal at Saint John, which information has been sought in two previous questions?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was in any event intending to reply to the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam because I did not have the information yesterday. It was fortunate that I did not have it because the information I have today is much more up to date.

I am informed that tenders for the main job were opened by the National Harbours Board yesterday and that they are making a check with the lowest tenderer, the Foundation Company of Canada. There seems to be very little doubt, according to the information I have, that the subcontractors will be using Canadian steel. However, the steel contracts are subcontracts by the Foundation Company and not direct contracts let by the harbours board.

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Inquiries of the Ministry
INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILE AGREEMENT—STATEMENT ON
NEW JOBS CREATED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Industry. Yesterday the minister released figures estimating that there had been 15,900 new jobs as a result of the Canada-United States automobile treaty. My question is in arriving at this estimate did the minister take into consideration the number of people who lost jobs in the closing of several car parts manufacturing plants?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question is out of order.

RESULTS OF SURVEY OF FOREIGN OWNED
SUBSIDIARIES IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce regarding the press release he issued yesterday concerning the survey of foreign owned subsidiaries in Canada. The minister said he had had a good response from 266 of the 820 subsidiary companies operating in Canada. Since this response comes from less than one third of the companies I want to ask the minister whether in his opinion this is a good response, and when he expects to get a reply from the other 554 companies.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think this question is in order.

Mr. Douglas: Then may I rephrase it, Mr. Speaker. I merely ask the minister, in view of the fact that the response is from less than one third of the subsidiaries operating in Canada, when he expects to get replies from the other 554 companies.

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I think I should answer that question because it leaves a misleading impression. Virtually all the companies we wrote to asking for this kind of information replied. A very small percentage of companies have not yet replied, but have said they will reply.

Mr. Douglas: A supplementary question. May I ask the minister why only 266 companies out of 820 mentioned by the minister in his report were asked for information?

Mr. Winters: I think the hon. member must be misinterpreting some of the figures, and I will have a chat with him.