

Inquiries of the Ministry

1,400 feet into the air, has the minister inquired of his officials as to whether this tower will meet air safety regulations?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, at this stage that is a hypothetical question.

SYDNEY, N.S.—CALL FOR TENDERS FOR
TERMINAL BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport, asking him whether he is in a position to advise us as to how soon tenders may be called for the new airport terminal building at Sydney?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I am not sure of the exact status of this situation, but I do know, as does the hon. gentleman, that it is under active consideration.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Léon Balcer (Three Rivers): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether the services of the R.C.M.P. have been requested by the government of Saskatchewan to investigate an alleged bribe, involving the small amount of \$300,000, that was supposed to have been made to a former attorney general of Saskatchewan?

TRANSPORT

BORDEN-CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY—INQUIRY
AS TO LETTING OF CONTRACT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a brief question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister in a position to say whether a contract has yet been let for the construction of a new car ferry for operation between Borden and Cape Tormentine?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not able to give an answer at this time, but if the hopes of the house leader are realized, I hope that I will be able to do so soon.

PENSIONS

CANADA PLAN—NEGOTIATIONS WITH PREMIER
OF ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister what steps, if any, he has taken to negotiate or talk with the premier of Ontario regarding the Canada pension plan and Ontario's position relating to it, particularly in view of the fact that recent indications seem to be that Ontario is not going to take part?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have had no recent discussions with the prime minister of Ontario, but so far as we are concerned federally, we are going ahead with the plan.

Mr. Fisher: Mr. Speaker, can we take it from the Prime Minister's answer that the arrangements in so far as the Canada pension plan are concerned, which were negotiated with Quebec, will apply, so far as the federal government is concerned, to Ontario, if that province is willing to accept them?

Mr. Pearson: That is a very hypothetical question, Mr. Speaker. We are going ahead with our consideration of a bill which will apply to Ontario.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Arising out of the answer just given by the Prime Minister, has there been any indication from the government of Ontario that it intends to set up its own pension scheme, or has the government of Canada received any communication from provincial authorities in this connection?

Mr. Pearson: No communication regarding that course of action has been received by the federal government from the government of Ontario.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

MINTING OF GOLD COIN TO COMMEMORATE
OCCASION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the cabinet has given any consideration, or has reached a decision as to the minting of a gold coin for our centennial celebrations?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): A number of suggestions have been made along those lines, Mr. Speaker, but no decision has been made.