

rescue operation by the coast guard ships *John A. Macdonald* and *Montcalm*, the fisheries patrol vessel *Cape Freels*, four trawlers belonging to the same company as the missing ship and seven R.C.A.F. aircraft. As of this morning 16,700 square miles had been covered by aircraft. There has been no sign of survivors. It does appear that three of the dories have turned up, unfortunately without any survivors in them.

### INDUSTRY

#### AUTOMOBILES—INCREASE IN IMPORTS FROM U.S. DURING JANUARY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. Can the minister provide the house with information showing the increase, if any, in the value of imports of automobile parts and automobiles from the United States during the month of January, 1966?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, those statistics are not yet ready—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have the impression that this is a question which is not so urgent that it should be answered at this time. The hon. member may wish to place it on the order paper.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** On a point of order and with great respect to Your Honour, I would agree with Your Honour that in ordinary circumstances information of this type should not be sought in the house on orders of the day.

However, in view of the fact that the whole question of the automobile parts treaty is a very current one, and the minister's estimates will be before the house very shortly, and further due to the fact that it is the general desire of the government and I think of everyone to have the study of the estimates completed very shortly, the question was asked because I feel it would greatly expedite the passage of the estimates of the minister's department if we had this information.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that if the estimates are to be considered by the house very shortly, that might be the time to ask the question of the minister.

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### SUGGESTED STEP TO PROVIDE GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

to the Minister of Finance. In the preparation of his budget is the minister looking at the negative income tax as one means of providing a guaranteed annual income?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This is not a proper question at this time and should not be received. The hon. member may wish to place it on the order paper or discuss it at a later hour.

### NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

#### PUBLICITY PROMOTION IN CONNECTION WITH CENTENNIAL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Jim McNulty (Lincoln):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works concerning the National Capital Commission and publicity for our nation's capital as Canada approaches its centennial. Will the minister inform the house whether the National Capital Commission intends to promote the capital across the nation? If so, how and how soon?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This question should be placed on the order paper.

### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

#### VICTORIA, B.C.—REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CANCELLATION STAMP

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. In order to promote tourism at a time when it is winter in the rest of Canada and spring in Victoria, British Columbia, would the Postmaster General give consideration to the request of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce to have our post office use the cancelling stamp "Spring Comes First To Victoria" prior to the Victoria spring flower festival commencing April 2?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### CHANGE IN HOUR OF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the government house leader and ask what arrangements have been made with regard to the time of sitting of the house tomorrow, and in respect of the standing committees which are scheduled to meet tomorrow morning?