

the Great Lakes matter, and subsequently provided to the commission by Great Lakes.

The examiner, in keeping with the commission's order, has given all parties until January 17 to file any motions, requests, etc. as a preliminary to a conference on January 24 which it is hoped may result in the establishment of a timetable for whatever proceedings the examiner may, in the circumstances, find to be appropriate. My hope remains the same.

EXPO '67

REPORTED DISCRIMINATION IN HIRING PRACTICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce as he is the minister reporting to parliament for Expo '67. Has the minister's attention been drawn to a letter in today's *Montreal Gazette* alleging discrimination, in the hiring practices at Expo '67, against English speaking Canadians? What action has the minister taken to investigate this matter?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, my attention has just been drawn to this by the hon. member. I thank him for doing so. This is the first I have known of it. I shall take his question as notice and look into the matter.

INDUSTRY

PROVISION OF ANTI-POLLUTION EQUIPMENT ON CANADIAN CARS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry and relates to the serious problem of air pollution. Sir, once again representatives of the motor vehicle industry in Canada have stated that if there are no regulations in Canada, as in the United States, relating to clear air passages in cars, this feature will only be offered to Canadians as an extra cost option. Will the minister make representations to the motor vehicle industry and report back to the house as soon as possible on this state of affairs?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I should be glad to discuss this problem with the motor vehicle manufacturers.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

STEPS TO MEET TRADE DEFICIT WITH UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the report from the United States commerce department in Washington that a Canadian economic slowdown is anticipated, but that "United States exports to Canada, which rose at a phenomenal 20 per cent in the first nine months of 1966, should make further gains in 1967", will the minister advise what he intends to do to meet this ever rising trade deficit between Canada and the United States?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the course of the Canadian economy is not determined by any report written in the United States. It is determined by significant economic factors in Canada, which point to a good year in 1967.

SPORTS

SKIING—WINNING OF CHAMPIONSHIP BY NANCY GREENE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the right hon. Prime Minister would wish to comment on the achievements of Canada's national ski team, particularly the magnificent performance of Canada's Nancy Greene, who hails from Rossland in Kootenay West and who has outclassed the world's skiing elite to win her third international ski championship in Europe during the past week. I must say, before the Prime Minister answers or comments, that I was particularly touched when they remembered their ancient backwoods member of parliament by sending him a Christmas card signed by all members of the team.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I am glad to deal with the question asked by the ancient, backwoods member. I am sure all members of the house have read with great pleasure of the skiing triumphs of Miss Nancy Greene.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Pearson: She is not only a great skier and a constituent of the hon. member for Kootenay West, but a fine young lady. I hope she will continue these triumphs, and that at the end of the season she will be the international champion.