

Inquiries of the Ministry

it be implemented without further amendments to the Immigration Act?

Mr. Pickersgill: The money will require to be voted.

Mr. Zaplitny: May I ask a supplementary question? The minister did not reply to my question. The question was whether that policy may be now implemented without any amendments to the Immigration Act?

Mr. Pickersgill: I have given my answer, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: No.

FLOODS

SASKATCHEWAN—REFERENCE TO AMOUNT OF FEDERAL RELIEF PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister state whether, in view of the hopeful generosity of the government in respect of the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines, the government has come to the conclusion that the paltry \$100,000 paid by the federal government in respect of the colossal flood damage in Saskatchewan last year is quite discriminatory?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is no relation whatsoever between the two matters mentioned in the hon. gentleman's question.

GRAIN

BOX CARS—INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBILITY OF FILLING SPACE AT PORTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Castleden (Yorkton): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister state what the present situation is with regard to the possibility of carrying forward shipping orders so that boats and other space at ports could be filled? What is the situation with regard to box cars within Canada at the present time and what is the backlog in shipping orders?

Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport): I shall take my hon. friend's question as notice.

DRUGS

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that the United States Senate has just passed [Mr. Zaplitny.]

a law having to do with increased sentences, including the death penalty in some cases, for the illegal distribution of narcotics, may I ask whether this government is giving any consideration to increasing the penalties on those who illegally distribute narcotics for illicit purposes?

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I am not the Acting Minister of Justice, but that matter largely concerns our department. The matter is receiving consideration.

BLIND PERSONS

INQUIRY AS TO PROVISION OF GUIDE ALLOWANCE WITHOUT A MEANS TEST

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Will the minister tell the house whether he will bring in a proposal at this session to provide a guide allowance without a means test for blind persons in Canada?

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): My hon. friend knows these matters are always under consideration. Much will depend upon the progress of debate here and further consideration.

POWER

PASSAMAQUODDY PROJECT—INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF JOINT CANADA-U.S. COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. J. Brooks (Royal): Mr. Speaker, on May 25 I asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question with reference to the appointment of a joint committee of the United States and Canada for the studying of the feasibility of harnessing the Passamaquoddy tides for hydroelectric power. I wonder whether the minister has a statement to make?

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): A joint reference on the Passamaquoddy tidal power project will be submitted to the international joint commission as soon as agreement on the terms of the reference has been reached between the governments of Canada and the United States. On receipt of the joint reference—I hope that will be shortly—the commission will make arrangements for the appointment of the appropriate boards to assume responsibility for the surveys.