

The Address—Mr. Diefenbaker

it is a proper question for the order paper. However, out of courtesy to my hon. friend I would inform him that of course all questions concerning tariff reductions and the elimination of other forms of obstacles to trade are under consideration by the government. Perhaps when the Minister of Trade and Commerce returns later this week from Geneva, where these matters are now under consideration, he will be able to report to the house.

the legislation regarding contributory pensions will be introduced at an early date, and whether it will provide for an immediate increase in the amount paid under the present old age pension legislation?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to note the hon. member is so interested in our new legislation, but I ask him to contain himself for just a little while so that he may see the bill.

PUBLIC SERVICE**GLASSCO COMMISSION—RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister and ask whether the task of dealing with the recommendations of the Glassco report has been assigned to one minister of the crown and, if so, which one?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, every minister of the crown is concerned with the study and, where appropriate, changes made, arising out of the recommendations of the Glassco report. The President of the Privy Council has been given the responsibility of co-ordinating this work among other ministers taking special responsibility in this matter.

INDUSTRY**AUTOMOBILES—INQUIRY AS TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF ROYAL COMMISSION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether to direct this question to the Minister of Finance or the minister from Windsor, but the question is, what are the government's intentions regarding the recommendations of the Bladen report on the automobile industry?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the government's intentions in connection with the Bladen report, and all other reports of that kind, will be made known at the appropriate time.

PENSIONS**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF CONTRIBUTORY SYSTEM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can the minister say whether

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY**

The house resumed from Friday, May 17, consideration of the motion of Miss Pauline Jewett for an address to His Excellency the Administrator in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my first words must be to express the hope that His Excellency the Governor General will continue to improve in health so that he may soon again be able to discharge fully the duties and responsibilities of his office, which he has done with such distinction and honour during the period of his office.

I also wish to convey to you, sir, with the greatest deference my hope—and it is one which has been supported by the experience hon. members of the house have had during the period you were chairman of the public accounts committee—that in the discharge of your responsibilities you will carry them out, as we know you will, with fairness, with ability and, above all, with that integrity for which you have always been noted by hon. members of this chamber.

Next I want to do something that is not perfunctory in any way, and that is to extend my congratulations to the hon. member for Northumberland (Miss Jewett) for the manner in which she discharged her duties—and they are trying duties—in the making of a maiden speech. I also extend my congratulations to the seconder. Both are new members of the house and performed so creditably that I am sure in the months and years ahead their contributions to the public life of Canada will be in keeping with those whom they succeeded, with Harry Bradley in Northumberland, and with my longtime friend, the Hon. Raymond O'Hurley in the constituency of Lotbinière.

At the opening of every new parliament it is always interesting to see the new members who come into the house. Without the infusion of new and able members the house tends to become more or less static. It lacks