

Inquiries of the Ministry

study is being made and a memorandum is being prepared on that particular matter.

Mr. Regier: I wonder if the minister would be able to say whether a report is also going to be made as to the application of section 62 to other religious organizations.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member is reviving a matter of previous debate. As I recall his contribution to the debate on the grievance raised recently, that was the point he made there.

Mr. Regier: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, this question of mine is as the result of a news item, a copy of which the minister has. It is a new development. I am only asking the minister whether the efforts now being undertaken will also apply to other religious organizations, and the minister has not replied.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, studies in my department are being made from time to time of all matters with respect to the application of our taxation laws.

Mr. Argue: A supplementary question. Is this particular study being made in regard to all religious organizations or just one?

Mr. Nowlan: I have answered that question.

REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING AWAY FROM
HOME LIVING EXPENSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Has the minister received any representations that the income tax deduction for expenses occurred in the course of employment while living away from home now accorded to construction workers be extended to woodworkers or else cancelled? If so, what type of consideration has he been able to give?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member might defer that question until the budget debate because it refers to matters which are proper subject of budget resolutions.

POWER

COLUMBIA RIVER—INQUIRY AS TO
FEDERAL LOAN OFFER

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the federal government has offered to loan the province of British Columbia half the cost of the Columbia river power development.

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Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I was asked a similar question yesterday, and I would respectfully refer the hon. gentleman to the answer I gave then.

Mr. Pearson: I asked that question, and the minister said he had not seen the press clipping and that he was not in a position to answer it. I now ask him the question again.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Speaker, that was not all I said. I also pointed out that a matter of this kind was not appropriate to be dealt with by a short answer on orders of the day.

TRANSPORT

FORT WILLIAM—INQUIRY AS TO AMALGAMATION
OF RAILWAY STATION SERVICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister aware of any negotiations being carried on by the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway toward the amalgamation of railway station services which would eliminate the Canadian National Railways downtown office at Fort William? If not, will the minister give an assurance that if and when such negotiations are initiated he will inform the house?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his intention to ask this question. I have inquired of the management of the Canadian National Railways, and I am advised that no such negotiations are going on.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

REPORTED STATEMENT BY PREMIER OF ONTARIO
RESPECTING ADDITIONAL REVENUE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance. In view of Premier Frost's statement yesterday in the Ontario legislature that he proposes to come to Ottawa in July with the firm resolve of getting \$100 million more revenue, will the Minister of Finance say whether, in the preparation of the budget which he will be presenting tomorrow night, he will take into account Premier Frost's thirst for justice—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I know all hon. members would like to have an advance view of the budget, but it would be quite improper in my view to draw it out bit by bit in the