

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult to judge just how urgent this question may be, but I am sure it can be properly placed on the order paper.

Mr. Deachman: I wish to debate it at ten o'clock.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

NEW YORK REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING SAFETY CAR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question, directed to the Minister of Industry, is based on reports published today showing that in 1965 there was a 13 per cent increase in road deaths in the province of Ontario alone. I should like to ask the minister whether in his attempt to bring the automobile under the rule of law he is actively considering a request from the state of New York for Canadian assistance in the building of the New York prototype safety car, and might we expect an announcement in this regard fairly soon?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, we are looking earnestly and diligently at the suggestion of the state of New York for the construction of a safety car and hope to reach a conclusion in the near future.

Mr. Graffey: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister arranged a meeting in Ottawa next Monday with Mr. Ronald Todgham, president of Chrysler Corporation and president of the Canadian Automobile Manufacturers Association, and will automobile safety be on the agenda for discussion?

Mr. Drury: Automobile safety is not the principal purpose of the meeting, but undoubtedly I shall be discussing it with Mr. Todgham.

INQUIRY AS TO TIME DEVOTED BY C.B.C.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Secretary of State. Since the C.B.C. deficits are considered to be partially justifiable on the basis of public service, I should like to ask the minister how much time has been allocated by C.B.C. radio and C.B.C. television to matters of highway safety which contain Canadian material?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question might be placed on the order paper.

Inquiries of the Ministry

INDIAN AFFAIRS

GRANT TO AID CANNERY ON QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister and ask whether he has received a telegram from the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union in British Columbia occasioned, I think, by the reluctance or inability of the Indian affairs branch to provide a grant in aid to a particular cannery on the Queen Charlotte islands. If the Prime Minister has received that telegram, which I understand proposes a certain course of action, could he indicate to the house what his response has been?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I have received that telegram, Mr. Speaker. The matter is under consideration.

INDUSTRY

DOSCO—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON FUTURE PROSPECTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry. May I ask him whether he is in a position today to make a statement that will allay the fears that have arisen throughout the province of Nova Scotia within recent days in regard to the future of the steel industry at Sydney?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I think the circumstances which gave rise to the most recent apprehension about the steel industry were fully explained yesterday.

[Later:]

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry. I would ask him whether he is aware of the union side of the question with respect to the steel operation in Sydney, wherein the union claims that there has been a 50 per cent reduction in the work force. Since the minister referred to the explanation given yesterday, I would ask him to explain just what is meant by "an increase in employment of from nine to 12 man years."

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question is argumentative and cannot be accepted.