

*Motions for Papers*CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING COLUMBIA RIVER
TREATY**Motion No. 137—Mr. Herridge:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence and telegrams exchanged between the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources or their offices and any private citizen in Canada with respect to the Columbia river treaty since May 1, 1963.

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUDITOR GENERAL
REGARDING ESTATES**Motion No. 138—Mr. Fisher:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence sent by the Auditor General to the minister or the deputy minister (taxation) of the Department of National Revenue regarding any revenues which should be collected by the crown in connection with estates of deceased persons since January 1, 1963, and to be more specific, in view of previous decisions on like motions, for only that correspondence signed by the Auditor General, Mr. Henderson, and not correspondence or memoranda directed by employees of the Auditor General's office.

He said: Stand, at the request of the Minister of National Revenue.

Motion stands.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING DEPARTMENT
OF INDUSTRY**Motion No. 140—Mr. Hamilton:**

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all correspondence between the federal government and the provincial governments relating to the new Department of Industry.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry has spoken to the hon. member for Qu'Appelle, and the hon. member has agreed to the insertion of a few words in the second last line. Between the words "to" and "the" insert the words "the organization and functions of". With that amendment and with the concurrence of the provinces the motion is acceptable.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion subject to the reservation expressed by the minister?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH ROSAIRE ANCTIL,
STE. ANNE DE LA POCATIERE, QUE.**Motion No. 141—Mr. Dionne:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence exchanged since April 8, 1963 between the Postmaster General or any of the officials of his department and Mr. Rosaire Anctil, P.O. Box 303, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Denis: Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to this motion being agreed to and to the production of any official correspondence.

Motion agreed to.

FINANCE

REPORTED INTENTION TO CUT INCOME TAX TO
STIMULATE GROWTH

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in view of a statement made outside the house I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the government has in mind the cutting of income tax in order to stimulate growth.

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I do not know to whom the right hon. gentleman was referring when he mentioned a statement made outside the house. May I ask him to give me a little more information?

Mr. Diefenbaker: I cannot give particulars except to say that the hon. member for Coast-Capilano, parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister, made a speech and the heading of the report is "M.P. Hints of Cut In Income Tax". The report contains this statement:

If various tax incentives and cheaper money policies are not effective, an across the board cut in taxation may be desirable.

Mr. Gordon: Mr. Speaker, I can assure the right hon. gentleman that when the government has any announcements to make on this subject it will do so in the house.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I rise on a question of privilege. That is the reason I asked this question. Did the parliamentary secretary have any authorization to speak in this way on behalf of the government?

Mr. Gordon: On the basis of the extract from the newspaper report which was read it seemed to me that the parliamentary secretary was discussing economic theory in a general way, and I think he has every right to do so.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Parliament by-passed again.

SALE OF RUSSIAN GOLD TO PAY FOR CANADIAN
WHEAT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gerard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Finance?

Could the minister tell us whether the gold shipments which arrived in London from