

*Inquiries of the Ministry***COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT****ZINC—INQUIRY AS TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to pose to the Minister of Justice. I wonder if the minister could indicate what steps are being taken by the department or by himself with respect to the recommendations of the restrictive trade practices commission regarding the Zinc Oxide Company of Canada Limited and the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company Limited?

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for giving me notice of his question. In reply I wish to advise him that counsel has been retained and the matter has been referred to him to examine the evidence and report as to his opinion concerning whether or not the evidence warrants prosecution. We are expecting to receive the opinion shortly.

**Mr. Howard:** May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister indicate who is the gentleman he has retained as counsel?

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the hon. member would mind if I take notice of his question. I am not aware of any objection, but I would like to make certain that at this stage it would be proper for me to disclose the name of counsel.

**Mr. Howard:** Yes. I would like to point out that indications given in the press—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**BRIDGES****MONTREAL—STATEMENT ON CLOSING OF TRAFFIC LANES DURING ALTERATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday last the hon. member for St. Ann (Mr. Loisel) inquired about vehicular traffic on the Victoria bridge when changes to the structure have to be made in connection with the St. Lawrence seaway.

The management advises me that the St. Lawrence seaway project has necessitated certain structural changes to Victoria bridge to provide an alternative route for traffic so that it will be completely independent of vessel movement through the St. Lambert lock. Every effort is being made to co-ordinate, program and accelerate the work so

[Mr. Starr.]

as to minimize inconvenience to the travelling public. Beginning in May the downstream roadway will be closed to vehicular traffic for a period of eight to ten weeks. A double shift of workers will be employed on the construction to reduce the length of time the roadway will be out of service. Work on the upstream roadway will not begin until about April, 1960.

During the construction periods, in order to reduce delays, one-way traffic will be operated on the bridge between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m. The earlier hours will be reserved for Montreal-bound traffic and the evening hours for St. Lambert-bound traffic. It will be noted that one roadway will remain open at all times and the plan outlined is aimed at reducing the temporary inconvenience to a minimum.

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question arising out of the minister's statement. In view of the fact that the work with reference to the railway aspect of the bridge is not nearly as urgent as that with reference to navigation, will the minister be good enough to ask the Canadian National Railway officials to delay this work until after the construction of the Champlain bridge?

**Mr. Hees:** Well, I will speak to the management and see whether that will be possible.

**SHIPPING**

(Translation):

**MONTREAL—INQUIRY AS TO WINTER NAVIGATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Maurice Bourget (Levis):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hees).

Could the hon. minister state if his department has decided to maintain winter navigation between Quebec city and Montreal?

**Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, may I take this question as notice? I will give an answer in French tomorrow.

(Text):

**POWER****COLUMBIA RIVER—INQUIRY RESPECTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National