

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

received a request from the great lakes pilots' association demanding compulsory pilotage for foreign flag vessels on the great lakes, and has any consideration been given by the minister, as the pilotage authority, to this matter of compulsory pilotage in general? Would the minister comment on the advisability or otherwise of acceding to this request in the first place and, if so, whether similar action would be extended to the St. Lawrence?

**Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport):** I thank the hon. member for his courtesy in advising me of his intention to ask this question. However, I received it just upon entering the house. As to the first part of the question, I have not received such a request from the great lakes pilots' association. As to the second and third parts, this matter is under consideration by my department at the present time.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Will the minister inform the house of the results in due course?

**Mr. Hees:** When results are arrived at I will be glad to do so.

**GRAIN****ALLOCATION OF BOX CARS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain):** In view of the requests over the years, and particularly the last few months, by farm organizations for a more equitable distribution of box cars, can the minister give assurance to the house that before the end of this session he will be able to announce that a program has been worked out whereby the farmer will be able to get box cars allocated and will be able to deliver grain to the elevator of his choice?

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** I appreciate the urgency attached to this question, and I appreciate the importance of it. However, it is a repetition of questions that have been asked about box cars during the last week, and I think my reply has been given already.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****ATLANTIC PROVINCES—INTRODUCTION OF MEASURE PROVIDING GRANTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's statement on January 10 that an answer to the question I asked would be both apparent and complete within two days, could he now tell the house whether the Atlantic provinces' grants will be made in the current fiscal year, and how much they will be?

[Mr. Chevrier.]

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend is full of anticipation. If he will wait until the measure is introduced he will then receive the information that he so anxiously desires.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Another broken promise. I have another question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order; I take it the reference was to a matter on the order paper.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker; there is no such item on the order paper.

**Mr. Speaker:** In any event, the question has been answered.

**FISHERIES****NEW BRUNSWICK—SPAWNING OF EARLY MIRAMICHI SALMON**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. R. McWilliam (Northumberland-Miramichi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Did the Miramichi salmon association make representations in connection with the spawning of early run Miramichi salmon? If representations were received, what action will the Department of Fisheries take?

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Minister of Fisheries):** I have no knowledge of representations of this nature being made directly to the department, but I would need to check on that. There is a possibility that such representations are now being channelled through the Atlantic salmon co-ordinating committee, on which the five eastern provinces are represented.

**POWER****AUTHORIZATION OF LOAN OF \$30 MILLION TO PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 243, to authorize a loan to the government of New Brunswick in respect of the Beechwood power project.

He said: On January 8, Mr. Speaker, the house gave approval to the resolution which preceded the introduction of Bill No. 243. At that resolution stage a full statement was made reviewing this whole subject. I think no further statement is necessary now in explanation of the bill. The bill follows closely the terms of the resolution which the house approved on January 8.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate):** I had hoped, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister of Finance would explain to us at this stage, when he is asking us on second