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friend will be answered. However, I think a proper name for that ship would be the *Mrs. Macdonald*, in view of the continuous effort on her part in this connection.

Mr. Pickersgill: I merely wish to repeat my question to the minister. Can the minister say when the ship will be in service?

Mr. Balcer: It will be built in a Canadian shipyard. I am sure it will be done with the greatest speed, so that it will be in service in the near future.

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, I have a final supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Will he use his good offices to ensure that Ferguson Industries Limited at Pictou, Nova Scotia, which lies in close proximity to the Nova Scotia terminal of this ferry route, is given every opportunity to tender on this ship?

Mr. Balcer: I am pleased to tell the hon. member that Ferguson Industries will be asked to tender on that ship.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING OF LAKEHEAD TERMINAL

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): If I might be permitted to reply to the hon. member for Port Arthur I should like to assure him and members of the house that the harbour terminal at the lakehead will be definitely opened with an appropriate ceremony befitting an occasion of that kind, undertaken jointly by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transport.

The opening of this terminal is of more than local importance, as it will include accommodation for deep sea shipping. The deepening of the interconnecting channels to open the upper lakes to deep sea traffic is now being carried out by the United States. Thus the new facilities, which will be among the most modern in the world, will soon become the western terminus of the St. Lawrence seaway. This is, of course, of significance to western Canada as well as to northwestern Ontario. All members of the house will be pleased, I know, that our Prime Minister has consented to officiate at the opening ceremony which will take place on June 23 next.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): May I ask a supplementary question. Can the Minister of Public Works tell the house, in view of the fact the Prime Minister is going to be there, when he consulted the Leader of the Opposition about this?

[Mr. Balcer.]

Mr. Walker: Which one of the four, Mr. Speaker? There are four horsemen of the apocalypse, and I do not know which one.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—DISLOCATION OF SHIPPING THROUGH CLOSING OF EISENHOWER LOCK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport, and if I could comment on the previous answer I will say that we would welcome a visit sooner. I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he can give us an appreciation of the dislocation, particularly in the grain trade, that has been caused by the closing of the Eisenhower lock. My question is occasioned by scare reports in the press that it is going to dislocate the shipping of grain for this season.

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, of course we are very anxious to see shipping in the seaway resumed as soon as possible. I have inquired through my officials, and I am informed that the officials of the St. Lawrence seaway authority are keeping in close touch with the United States authorities, and barring unforeseen developments it now seems fairly certain the lock will be in service by April 24 at the latest.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): May I ask a supplementary question. Does the Minister of Transport not think, in view of the circumstances, he should send his colleague the Minister of Public Works to make an investigation of that lock to ascertain whether the funds were properly spent?

Mr. Balcer: If it were a Canadian lock I think we could not find any better man than the Minister of Public Works. He has been busy for the last four years repairing all kinds of damages that were caused by our predecessors.

Mr. Chevrier: He was going to make a seaway investigation, and we are still waiting for it.

NATIONAL REVENUE

REQUEST FOR LIST OF BOOKS FORBIDDEN ENTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, now that everybody has milked the ferry to the limit I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue possibly one of the last questions I will ever ask him. Can the minister inform the house when he is going to table the list of naughty books forbidden entry to Canada under his instructions?