

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

intention to ask this question. National harbours board's payment of grants in lieu of services to the city of Vancouver is based on a formula identical to that used at other major cities where there are national harbours. In Vancouver a substantial portion of the facilities owned by the national harbours board is leased, and the information given to me is that upward of \$555,000 of taxes is paid to the city by their tenants.

The national harbours board informs me that it makes an annual grant for the upkeep of the fire boat. Last year it amounted to \$33,000. The cost of construction of fire boats in national harbours is borne by the municipality.

**HEALTH INSURANCE****SASKATCHEWAN—INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL AID FOR MEDICAL PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. F. Jones (Saskatoon):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the premier of Saskatchewan has yet approached him for federal assistance to help pay for the Saskatchewan medical care program?

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** No, Mr. Speaker, he has not.

[Later:]

**Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has the minister or have his officials had any consultations of any kind with their opposite numbers in the province of Saskatchewan with regard to the medical care program proposed by the government of that province?

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS****ELLIOT LAKE—INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether he is in a position to make an interim report on the work of the committee which has been set up to look into the question of assistance to Elliot Lake and other uranium communities?

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Not at this stage, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Hees.]

**CUSTOMS TARIFF**

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance)** moved the second reading of Bill No. C-74, to amend the Customs Tariff.

**Mr. W. M. Benidickson (Kenora-Rainy River):** Is the minister going to make a statement, in view of the many matters of current interest that affect our Customs Tariff, such as the Russian trade possibilities, the Japanese quotas that are referred to in the resolutions and some other items, such as the GATT possibilities next fall?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** No, Mr. Speaker. To embark on a statement in relation to those subjects would, I think, be quite out of order. We are here dealing with Bill No. C-74, to amend the Customs Tariff. All the contents of this bill were indicated in the resolution which preceded the bill and which was given a very thorough review last week, on June 8, in the committee of ways and means.

This is one of those bills, like the Excise Tax Act, in which the resolutions set forth in detail the amendments that are to appear in the bill to follow, and the house will have observed that all the provisions of Bill No. C-74 have already been set forth in the resolutions which were approved last week. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, under the procedures of the house we are simply reviewing today, for the second time, what was already covered on June 8. I respectfully suggest that perhaps the best place for that review to be carried out would be in committee of the whole after second reading of the bill.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East):** I wonder if I might ask the Minister of Finance on this bill if he would not find it within our procedures to give some indication of his reaction, and that of his colleagues, to the representations that were made recently by the mayor of Windsor and the municipalities concerned about the plight of the automobile industry. I ask this realizing full well, of course, that the government will be giving further consideration to these matters in the light of meetings which I understand are to take place this week between the members of the government and representatives of the automobile industry and, later in the following week, between members of the united automobile workers and the government. Would the minister consider whether this is the appropriate opportunity for him to indicate something which concerns the people in the community from which I come, and other communities, regarding any remedial measures the government has in mind?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** This would not be the appropriate time to discuss that subject. The subject is not related to the contents of