

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. McIlraith: It is a question of fact that he has asked, not of policy.

[Later:]

Mr. Cardin: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question supplementary to the one I asked a moment ago. Would the Minister of Trade and Commerce be kind enough to tell the house whether or not the government is taking any action to remove the differential between the list of prohibited exports to the Soviet union and that with respect to communist China?

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I know of no action that has been taken recently.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION

BRITISH COLUMBIA—REQUEST FOR OPENING OF NEW OFFICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour, and I trust he has had sufficient notice of my intention to ask it. What steps are being taken to establish offices of the unemployment insurance commission and the national employment service in the communities of Terrace, Smithers and Burns Lake?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I have not had any notice of this question but if the hon. member wishes me to look into the matter I will have a report prepared.

PIPE LINES

TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES—CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO SECTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister I would like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Further to the Prime Minister's announcement appointing a royal commission on energy and more specifically to paragraph "d" covering details of its terms of reference, will he assure the house and in particular the people of northern Ontario that this will in no way be used either now or in the future by his government to delay the construction of the northern Ontario section of the trans-Canada pipe line, the construction of which is so important to the future development of northern Ontario?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Order.

Hon. Howard C. Green (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not have a copy of the order in council before me at the moment but I can assure the hon. member—

Mr. Garland: Section "d" refers to northern Ontario.

Mr. Green:—that we are just as anxious as he is to have the trans-Canada pipe line completed.

Some hon. Members: Hurrah.

Mr. Harkness: We always were.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

JOYCEVILLE—INQUIRY AS TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. J. Henderson (Kingston): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Would he please advise the house if the contract for the construction of the administration building at Joyceville penitentiary has been let to date?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his intention to ask this question, and in reply I should inform him that tenders for the construction of the administration building have been invited, with a closing date for submitting tenders of October 30.

Mr. Henderson: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister please rush the matter along to alleviate unemployment in the locality during the winter?

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I am informed that construction may be expected to commence as soon as a contract has been let.

PENTICTON, B.C.—PROPOSED NEW FEDERAL BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. C. Christian (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct three questions to the Minister of Public Works. I have given him notice of these questions. Have any steps been taken by the government to purchase land in the city of Penticton, British Columbia, for the purpose of constructing a proposed federal building thereon? If so, what has been done? When does the government anticipate the construction of such federal building will commence? To what specific use or uses will the building be put?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having sent me notice of these questions. The answers are that the department