

The Budget—Mr. J. B. Hamilton

CANSO CAUSEWAY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING FOR HIGHWAY TRAFFIC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. J. MacEachen (Inverness-Richmond): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the destruction by fire of the ferry boat *John Cabot*, is the minister in a position to advise that the Canso causeway will be opened for highway traffic in the near future?

Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport): The provincial government is responsible for the surfacing and maintenance of the part of the causeway to be used by highway traffic. It has proposed to us that this part of the causeway be opened on May 20, and we have concurred in this proposal.

THE BUDGET

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed, from Wednesday, May 4, consideration of the motion of Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Macdonnell.

Mr. John B. Hamilton (York West): Mr. Speaker, yesterday while I listened to this debate and watched my chance of taking part in it tick away with the clock, instead of being disappointed I think that I was relieved that I would not have the opportunity, by mediocre performance, to detract from the position my party had achieved through the outstanding efforts of my leader.

An hon. Member: Sour apples.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): A lot of apples are passed here, but they are usually on the other side.

An hon. Member: More applesauce than apples.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): If I may borrow an expression of the hon. member for Quebec West (Mr. Dufresne), instead of being dangerously ill I know that hon. members to your right, Mr. Speaker, have learned to their sorrow that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew) is dangerously well.

I should like to read a few of his remarks as recorded in *Hansard* of yesterday at page 3445:

We have heard already during the course of this debate that the government has confidence in the country, leaving the implication that others have not. Mr. Speaker, we have confidence in this country, and we have confidence that we have to encourage the development of the limitless

presume my hon. friend has in mind the question of the name of the postal station now known as Whalley. The department is prepared to go ahead with the change of name to North Surrey, presuming that this is the desire of the patrons.

As regards letter carrier delivery, all the details have been prepared and the department is ready to go ahead as soon as the question of the name is decided upon. This matter has been recently brought to the attention of the Acting Postmaster General, and he has given instructions to proceed with the letter carrier delivery and the change of the name to North Surrey. This, of course, is assuming that all conditions governing letter carrier delivery are complied with.

FERRY SERVICE

YARMOUTH-BAR HARBOR—LAUNCHING DATE OF FERRY "BLUENOSE"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. A. M. Kirk (Shelburne-Yarmouth-Claire): May I direct a question to the Minister of Transport? With reference to the ferry *Bluenose* which is to operate this summer between Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and Bar Harbor, Maine, is the minister now in a position to tell us the launching date?

Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, in answer to that question I may say that May 25 has been fixed tentatively for the date of launching of the *Bluenose*.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INDO-CHINA—MEASURES TAKEN TO PROTECT CANADIAN PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yesterday the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Nesbitt) asked a question regarding the protection of personnel in Indo-China. The cease-fire agreements for Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos all contain clauses requiring that the commanders of the forces of the parties to the agreements "shall provide full protection... to the international commission and its inspection teams in the performance of their functions". I know of no case where a Canadian member of our delegations to the three international commissions or a Canadian member of any of the inspection teams working under the commissions has suffered either personal indignities or violence because the protection called for in the agreements had been inadequate.