

FINANCE

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS
RESPECTING INTEREST DISCLOSURE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. E. Gray (Essex West): I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. Can he inform the house when, on behalf of the government, he will be asking this house to refer to the finance committee the regulations under the Bank Act for the disclosure of interest rates, as he indicated he would be doing when this matter was before the house at an earlier date?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): I thank the hon. gentleman for reminding me, and I will do so immediately.

TRANSPORT

TRENT CANAL—REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION
OF PROPOSED FENCING OF LOCKS
AND DAMS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. A. Webb (Hastings-Frontenac): I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. The Department of Transport have written letters suggesting they are going to fence in the locks and dams on the Trent canal system. I should like to ask the minister if he would take immediate steps to cancel any such projects.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has made representations, but they could not be accepted as a question.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

PROPOSED LAY-OFFS OF RAILWAY MAINTENANCE
OF WAY EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Norman Fawcett (Nickel Belt): I should like to ask the Minister of Labour if he has received representations from the brotherhood of maintenance of way employees regarding the imminent lay-off of a large number of track maintenance men by both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railways. If he has, what action is being taken to forestall this lay-off?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): I have a recollection of some such communication having come in, but I should like to take the question as notice.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

REFERENCE TO HOUSE COMMITTEE OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the hon. Solicitor General whether he intends to refer to a committee of the house the bill he has brought down on the abolition of capital punishment in certain cases so that the hon. members may hear experts and be more objectively informed on the bill?

[English]

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I believe the answer will be determined in part by negotiations among the several house leaders. I must say that at this moment I am not expecting to follow the course suggested by the hon. member.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF
AMENDMENTS TO ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): May I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In the light of recent statements the minister has made concerning amendments to the Indian Act, I wonder if he could tell the house with some clarity when those amendments might be introduced.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): We have had repeated references back to the Indian people themselves so they will have an understanding of these amendments and be satisfied with them. It would appear to me now that it would be after Christmas before they can be introduced.

ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

ALLEGED FAILURE TO USE SERVICES OF
ATLANTIC PROVINCES ECONOMIC
COUNCIL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): My question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In the light of recent statements by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council critical of the fact that the Atlantic Development Board has failed to use their