

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. McIntosh:** May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I inform the minister that the War Veterans Allowance Act is not under—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member cannot inform the minister of anything.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

## COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF YUKON ACT AMENDMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** May I direct a question to the government house leader and ask him if, since last Friday, he has had an opportunity of discussing with his colleagues the question of referring Bill No. C-147, to amend the Yukon Act, to the standing committee on northern affairs and national resources.

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** No, not yet, Mr. Speaker.

## INQUIRY AS TO FORTHCOMING LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he is yet in a position to give the house the list of legislation that he promised last Thursday he would give at an early date. I refer to the list of important items of business that the government plans for this session.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to do that today. I have been discussing the matter with some of my colleagues this morning, and as a result of that discussion it will be possible in a day or two to discuss with the house leaders of the other parties the possibility of a planned program from now until say mid-summer.

**POWER**

## COLUMBIA RIVER—OBSERVANCE OF BILL OF RIGHTS BY PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Justice. There is some urgency about it. I have been asked this question by employees working on the Columbia river treaty projects who want to know where they stand.

[Mr. Teillet.]

In view of the agreements between the government of Canada and the government of British Columbia with respect to the Columbia river treaty and protocol, would the minister inform the house if under these agreements there is any obligation, expressed or implied, on the part of the government of British Columbia that the B.C. power and hydro authority will be required to observe the provisions of the Canadian Bill of Rights in its dealings with its employees and all other persons?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member is now asking for a legal interpretation or opinion, and for this reason the question cannot be accepted.

## COLUMBIA RIVER—AMOUNT PAID BY U.S. AND EXPENDITURES BY B.C.

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** While I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, may I answer the hon. member for Kootenay West. He has been very good today and has not had many answers.

Recently the hon. member for Kootenay West asked me for a comparison between United States payments—he referred to them as contributions, but they are in fact payments—to the cost of Columbia river projects in Canada and the amounts being spent by British Columbia on those projects. This information was confidential. However, always eager to please the hon. member for Kootenay West, I have obtained authorization from the government of British Columbia to make these figures available to the public now. I am told that as of March 31 this year the Columbia river treaty fund, including interest earned, stood at \$295,917,782. Expenditures on treaty projects by British Columbia at the same date, including interest charged, stood at \$97,914,505.

**Mr. Herridge:** That shows where we are going.

## STATEMENT ON NATIONAL GRID STUDY

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** Mr. Speaker, may I give some information to the hon. member for Qu'Appelle in answer to a question he raised on May 10 having to do with the national power grid.

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