

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): The Minister of Finance has advised me that he would be willing to have these orders go through today.

RESOURCE ROADS PROGRAM, ONTARIO

Motion No. 15—Mr. Benidickson:

For a copy of all correspondence since September 1, 1957, between the federal government and the province of Ontario respecting cost sharing of a roads to resources program.

He said: I am sure the Minister of Public Works is referring to the next item.

Motion stands.

EXCISE TAX ON NON-CANADIAN PERIODICALS

Motion No. 22—Mr. Benidickson:

For a copy of all briefs received by the Department of Finance since June 21, 1957, respecting the excise tax on special editions of non-Canadian periodicals and the general position of Canadian magazines.

Motion agreed to.

ESTATES TAX

Motion No. 23—Mr. Benidickson:

For a copy of all national briefs received by the Department of Finance since January 29, 1958, providing criticisms of the Bill No. 248, session 1957-58, setting forth the pattern for an estates tax.

Motion agreed to.

STORM DESTRUCTION, MEGANTIC COUNTY—
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**Motion No. 24—Mr. Roberge:**

For a copy of all telegrams, letters, correspondence and other documents exchanged since August 3, 1957, between the federal government, the government of the province of Quebec and the city of Thetford Mines, concerning the assistance to be given in the Thetford Mines district, and elsewhere in the county of Megantic, following the torrential rain and inundation of August 3, 1957.

Motion agreed to.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REPORTED CRITICISM OF ACT BY
MONTREAL JUDGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Has the attention of the minister been drawn to the report in this morning's *Montreal Gazette* setting forth the strong criticism of a judge in arraignment court of the provision of the Unemployment Insurance Act which deprives a person of benefits if he obtains casual employment? Is it possible for the minister to inform the house whether consideration is being given to making the necessary changes to correct

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the situation? Can he also inform the house whether it is the intention of his department to introduce at this session any further amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member's question I wish to inform him that I have not seen the article to which he refers. I will take the balance of his question as notice and give him an answer tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

BRUSSELS—RESIGNATION OF CHAPERONE OF
STUDENT GUIDES—TABLING OF CORRES-
PONDENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Bourget (Levis): May I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce when he expects to table the letters concerning the Madame Bienvenue case that I asked for on June 26?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I thought that the hon. member had lost interest in the subject. I will table the letters now.

Mr. Bourget: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I have asked for information from the officials of the house every day since I asked this question. I supposed that the minister himself had lost interest in that particular case.

Mr. Churchill: No, Mr. Speaker. When the question was first asked of me I said I would take it under consideration. The hon. member has not raised the question again since. I am quite prepared to table them.

Mr. Bourget: Am I to understand that the minister will table these letters today or tomorrow?

Mr. Churchill: Right now.

Mr. Bourget: Thank you.

OLD AGE SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF DR. ROBERT CLARK

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, to ask whether or not the report being prepared by Professor Clark regarding old age and survivors insurance and security in the United States is likely to be tabled before the end of July. In this connection the minister will likely want to bear in mind his reply of a few days ago. Also, when replying, will the minister indicate whether or not Professor