

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

brought to my attention that a number of civil servants who reside in the province of Quebec but who work in the province of Ontario have not as yet received the final T4 slips they require when making returns to the government of the province of Quebec. Would the minister be good enough to look into this matter and assure the employees concerned that the slips will be provided in time for them to fulfil their obligations within the time prescribed under the law?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue):** I think this is a matter which falls within the responsibility of the comptroller of the treasury, but I will look into it.

MANITOBA—EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE  
FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Provencher):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue and ask whether he would consider postponing the final date for the filing of income tax returns by people living in the Red River valley who, because they were forced to vacate their homes, will not be able to complete the filing of their returns on time.

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue):** I have had inquiries made of the problems certain taxpayers in Manitoba may have in filing their tax returns by the normal date because of the unfortunate flooding of the Red River and its tributaries. I have concluded that relief from late filing penalties should be granted where this is warranted because of the individual circumstances of the taxpayer or his accountants. In these cases no late filing penalties will be applied if the returns are filed by May 31, 1966.

TRANSPORT

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—EFFECT OF  
INCREASE IN TOLLS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod):** I have a question for the Minister of Transport. It is this. The proposed rate increase on the great lakes will cost about \$5 million more in respect of grain shipments, and this sum will come out of the pockets of the farmers. What action does the government intend to take to help western grain producers in this situation?

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**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** The two entities concerned, the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and the United States corporation, have prepared certain draft recommendations for their governments. Public hearings are to be held before final recommendations are made, and any one who feels that these proposed charges are improper will have an opportunity at the public hearings to make representations. Until the recommendations reach the government, the government has no authority in this matter.

[Later:]

**Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Macleod regarding the proposed increased rates on the St. Lawrence seaway. Will the minister have an opportunity of appearing before the transport committee to justify this increase?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, I assume the hon. member is referring to the president of the seaway authority appearing before the committee. I believe this will depend upon the views of the committee. I am going to see the president of the authority this afternoon, and I will ask for his views.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—BRIDGE AND  
CAUSEWAY TO LENNOX ISLAND

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** My question is addressed to the minister of northern affairs. In the light of indications by representatives of the Indian affairs branch last fall that construction would begin within the year on the causeway and bridge linking Lennox Island, an Indian reserve in Prince Edward Island, with the mainland of Prince Edward Island, could the minister inform the house whether such action is contemplated in the very near future?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest that the hon. member place this question on the order paper.

**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):** By reason of the fact that I have already submitted this question to the minister and he has indicated his willingness to answer it, I think I should be allowed to have the answer at this time.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am afraid this consideration is not entirely relevant.