

Motions for Papers

documentation of the kind referred to in motion No. 126 exists.

Mr. Speaker: I wonder whether the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge) heard the explanation given by the parliamentary secretary?

Mr. Herridge: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Dropped.

POLLUTION OF RED RIVER

Motion No. 144—**Mr. Schreyer:**

That a humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of any communications exchanged in the last five year period, between the government of Canada or any agency thereof, and the government of the United States or any agency thereof including the International Joint Commission, with respect to the problem of water pollution of the Red river and particularly with respect to any testing that may be carried out to determine the degree of pollution.

Motion agreed to.

OBJECTIONS TO SHOWING OF FILM
ON SEALINGMotion No. 146—**Mr. Flemming:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all letters, telegrams and memoranda of telephone conversations between the Prime Minister and/or any other minister, and the Canadian High Commissioner in London, which authorized the High Commissioner to raise objections, successfully, to the showing of a 1964 Canadian film depicting the cruelties of sealing in Canada which the newspaper the *Observer* had included in the wildlife exhibit it was sponsoring.

Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am advised that no communication of any kind was exchanged between the minister, the department, and the high commissioner in London requesting or authorizing the latter to raise objections to the showing of a film on seal hunting at the *Observer* wild life exhibition.

Mr. Speaker: Dropped.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN INDUSTRY
MINISTER AND R. M. WHICHERMotion No. 155—**Mr. Loney:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence dated since November 8, 1965, between the Minister of Industry and Ross M. Whicher, M.P.P. Bruce.

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

Hon. C. M. Drury: This motion is acceptable.

Motion agreed to.

LABOUR RELATIONS

RAILWAY STRIKE—REPORTED STATEMENTS
RESPECTING RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the interviews carried by the C.B.C. last evening by Mr. Gordon, president of the C.N.R. and Mr. Sinclair, president of the C.P.R., were to the effect that no provision had been made under either the legislation now before the house or the legislation to come for the payment of extra amounts in so far as they are retroactive, is the Prime Minister in a position to say whether the statements were correct?

Will he tell the house at the same time whether these recommendations or similar ones were made to him by these two gentlemen and what is the reaction of the government thereto?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in my view there was nothing said on the program in question which interfered in any way with the desirability and the possibility of implementing the legislation now before the house, if the house adopts that legislation.

The railway representatives, when they called on me yesterday, did indicate they might have some difficulty in carrying out this legislation because of revenue considerations. They outlined their position to me, Mr. Speaker, and I said I would look into it.

[Later:]

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Further to Mr. Sinclair's remarks wherein he stated that the second bill before the house does not provide any extra money for the railways that they do not already possess, does the Prime Minister wish to revise his opening remarks about the relationship between the two bills, and state whether he still intends to proceed immediately with the second bill?

Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to revise my remarks. I suggest to Mr. Sinclair that he read the bill a little more carefully.

Mr. Starr: That applies to Mr. Gordon, too.