

*Motions for Papers*

accept the motion but I would like to suggest, if this would be helpful to the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona, that in view of the fact that he has a motion—it may be a motion of privilege; I am not saying that it is and I am not saying that it is not—I believe he should consider the possibility of submitting this motion to the Chair. It would then be placed on the order paper. I would be pleased to discuss the matter with the hon. member and I think he should give some thought to this possibility. The hon. member may not feel that it should be done in this way and I respect his views, but certainly it would have the result of bringing the matter before the house for eventual resolution by hon. members.

If hon. members feel we should go on with orders of the day, for the 15 minutes remaining, then I shall call orders of the day.

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**Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, notice of motion No. 153 is acceptable to the government subject to the usual reservations concerning the consent of other governments.

**Mr. Speaker:** Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the parliamentary secretary is it the pleasure of the house that notice of motion No. 153 shall be deemed to have been adopted?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Stewart:** Mr. Speaker, will you please call notice of motion no. 163? I ask that the remaining notices of motions be allowed to stand.

CANADA-WEST INDIES TRADE  
AGREEMENT, 1925

Motion No. 153—**Mr. McCleave:**

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house copies of all notes, documents, minutes or other documents or correspondence exchanged between the government of Canada and governments of members of the Commonwealth Caribbean conference regarding article VII of the Canada-West Indies trade agreement of 1925.

Motion agreed to.

DEMOLITION AND REBUILDING OF DOCK,  
DAWSON POINT, ONT.

Motion No. 163—**Mr. Peters:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all reports, records, documents, tenders and contracts involved in the demolition and rebuilding of the dock at Dawson Point on lake Timiskaming in the riding of Timiskaming between the district

[Mr. Speaker.]

office of public works, individuals and other persons and the Department of Public Works at Ottawa.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Timiskaming.

**Mr. Knowles:** May this one stand as well, Mr. Speaker?

Motion stands.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

MEDICARE—REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF  
OPTOMETRISTS AND CHIROPRACTORS

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, we might have been dealing with medicare today and I therefore ask the Prime Minister whether representations have been received from the Canadian Association of Optometrists for inclusion in medicare, and whether the government will give favourable consideration to the inclusion of optometrists who are legally and academically qualified in all provinces and whose services today represent 65 per cent or more of all the eye examinations in this nation?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, representations have been received. Those representations would involve an important change of policy in respect of the proposed legislation and the matter is under consideration.

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Does the minister not consider this profession an important enough segment of our national health program to be included in the scheme?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly regard this profession as being very important but it is another matter, within the terms of the policy already established, whether it can be included. It is not really a question of the profession itself. It is the question of services by this particular profession which is under further consideration.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** As a further supplementary question, what is the difference between the inclusion of optometrists and having oculists included? What is the difficulty there?

**Mr. MacEachen:** I think, Mr. Speaker, there is a great difference.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** What is it?