Inquiries of the Ministry

members of the United Nations, might be much more effective.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, when did the government first realize that its expectations in respect of the voluntary embargo and sanctions being successful had no basis in fact?

Mr. Pearson: Our expectations were based on the information secured earlier from the United Kingdom government, which is in close touch with these matters. As a result of the report of the United Kingdom, at the last meeting of the Commonwealth prime ministers it became quite clear that the voluntary sanctions had not had the success some members of the Commonwealth had hoped for.

COAL

DONALD REPORT—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT ACTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources with regard to the action the government proposes to take arising out of the Donald report and assistance to the coal mining industry of Nova Scotia. Could the minister tell the house whether before the end of this session or before Christmas an announcment will be made regarding the government's program in this connection?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I hope so, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

EMPLOYER—EMPLOYEE RELATIONS— REQUEST FOR STUDY OF MEASURE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works as government house leader, to ask him—I think he is returning to his seat—whether he could assure the house that we will be able to consider Bill No. C-170 before the end of this session, this year?

[English]

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I am not able to give an assurance as to when the committee will return the bill to the house, or how long the house will take on any given piece of legislation. I will do all I can, though, to see that the bill does get early attention by the house.

[Mr. Pearson.]

IMMIGRATION

RECRUITMENT OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, on Friday last, following a question put to me by the hon. member for Wellington South (Mr. Hales), I promised to give the house some information on our recruiting program.

This year the Civil Service Commission, in accordance with section 39 of the Civil Service Act, delegated the authority to my department to recruit and select university graduates as employment service officers for the Canada Manpower Division. This was done because the requirement this year is approximately 500 such employees. The actual appointment of those selected, however, remains with the Civil Service Commission.

This delegated authority from the Civil Service Commission was specifically to meet current needs in the Canada Manpower Division and does not extend to the requirements for university graduates in other parts of my department. The Civil Service Commission will recruit other university graduates needed for immigration's foreign service officers and junior executive officers.

YUKON QUARTZ MINING ACT

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and ask whether, in view of representations he has received from the Yukon Chamber of Mines, it is the intention of the government to introduce amendments to the Yukon Quartz Mining Act this session.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I doubt whether that will be done this session. I would tell the hon. member that I think we have arrived at a position where there is pretty general agreement among the operators and the other sections of the industry in respect of the amendments desired. The association has asked us to restrict the amendment to a single item; I believe it is to section 12. We are of the opinion that this would not be beneficial, and would prefer to see the entire act renovated at one time.