

Inquiries of the Ministry

great lakes system, just as the United States coastguard service operates in that country's inland waters.

Mr. Hees: Yes, that matter is under consideration.

SHIPPING**COLUMBIA RIVER—INQUIRY AS TO
NAVIGATION RIGHTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Public Works based on considerable current concern felt by some persons and companies in my constituency. Would the minister inform the house what responsibility the federal government bears for the protection of the rights of persons and companies who wish to continue to sail commercial and other craft in the pursuit of their business or pleasure without man-made hindrance on the navigable portion of the Columbia river in Canada, which has been used for these purposes for over 100 years?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure that there is no substantial interference with navigation.

BRIDGES**INTERPROVINCIAL BRIDGE, OTTAWA—REPORTED
STATEMENT BY PREMIER OF QUEBEC**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alexis Caron (Hull): May I direct a question to the Prime Minister. It was reported by radio news that Premier Barrette declared yesterday that the Quebec government is ready to share in the cost of building a new bridge between Ottawa and Hull if Ottawa would take the initiative. Is it the intention of the government to take immediate action in this matter?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I think I answered that question on a previous occasion. I believe the only difference between this question and the one asked previously is that the date of the radio broadcast is yesterday rather than the earlier occasion.

Mr. Caron: A supplementary question. Can the Prime Minister tell us whether at the earlier date Premier Barrette had promised to share in the cost, as he did yesterday?

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is my recollection, and that a similar question was asked.

[Mr. Fisher.]

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES**UNIVERSITY GRANTS—INQUIRY AS TO
ARRANGEMENT WITH QUEBEC**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): May I direct a question to the Minister of Finance, or in his absence to the acting minister. In view of the meeting of the Minister of Finance with the premier of Quebec over the week end, may I ask whether an arrangement was made with respect to the university grants at present held by the conference of Canadian universities and the capital grants available through the Canada Council?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Acting Minister of Finance): I will take notice of this question and draw it to the attention of the minister concerned on his return.

IMMIGRATION**DR. CHUNG WOOK KIM—INQUIRY AS
TO DEPORTATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. J. Broome (Vancouver South): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration with reference to the recent deportation of Dr. Chung Wook Kim, a native of Korea serving as an intern in the Vancouver general hospital. Can the minister give any further information on this case, with particular reference to whether this man may qualify for admission in accordance with Canada's participation in this year's world refugee program?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): The gentleman in question applied for admission at Vancouver in the early part of this month. He was examined there, and the X-rays proved that he was suffering from tuberculosis. In view of the fact that he was applying for admission to serve as an intern at the Vancouver general hospital, he had been examined earlier in Seoul. Those X-rays received had been found by the Department of National Health and Welfare to show nothing wrong. However, upon this applicant's re-examination it was the opinion of the medical officer that the X-rays of someone else had been substituted for his at the time of his examination. Consequently Dr. Kim was not admissible and was returned to Korea.

With reference to the second part of the question, may I say that this applicant cannot fall within the provisions made for world refugee year because he is in no sense a refugee, and therefore could not be considered under the program.