

Inquiries of the Ministry

to the Minister of Industry. Is there any country in the world other than Canada that taxes production machinery?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I have not got all the taxation laws of all the 142 countries of the world at my finger tips, so I will take the question as notice.

**AUTOMOBILE PARTS—POSSIBLE U.S. REPRISALS
AGAINST CANADIAN POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry and Minister of Defence Production. Following a report to the effect that United States are planning to use reprisals in protest against the Canadian government decision to give assistance to the automotive industry, can the minister tell us what stage has been reached in the implementation of the formula he has devised to promote the automotive industry development in Canada?

In addition, can he tell the house what concrete results have been derived from this policy up to this time?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, needless to say that I cannot go into details at this stage. However, I can say that results to date indicate great success. However, I do not think that the time is right to give a complete report.

Mr. Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question. In view of the great success indicated by the minister, can he tell the house if he is considering other similar projects which would be implemented in eastern Canada with as much success?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, successful results are obtained of course in areas where the automobile industry has settled in Canada.

As far as eastern Canada is concerned, the industry which settled there seems to be meeting with success also.

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SHIPPING

**EFFECT OF LOW WATER LEVEL IN LAKE ONTARIO
AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John R. Matheson (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources would care to make a statement respecting the low water levels now prevailing in lake Ontario and the upper St. Lawrence river.

[Mr. Stenson.]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, this matter has been the subject of a number of questions from members of the house in recent weeks. I might say at once that the great lakes system is one of the more complex drainage systems in all the world, and because our concern is very great I would much prefer to take this question as notice and make a full statement either tomorrow or Monday.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister is investigating this matter will he also see to it that when ship diversions take place because of low water in the St. Lawrence, such diversions will go to Halifax and Saint John rather than New York as was the case last year?

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister if consideration is being given to the development of the Grand canal system to cope with the continuing problem that has been raised by the hon. member for Leeds.

Mr. Laing: We are aware of the proposal in respect of the Grand canal.

**NEWFOUNDLAND—USE OF ICEBREAKER TO
ASSIST SEALING SHIP**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Tucker (Trinity-Conception): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport and ask him if he received a request to send an icebreaker to the assistance of the sealing ship *Lady Johnson* off the east coast of Newfoundland. If so, what success did the icebreaker have in freeing the ship?

Mr. Speaker: May I suggest that unless there is special urgency to this question, it should be put on the order paper.

Mr. Tucker: The urgency is that there is a crew of 18 on that ship, and in view of the danger I think the question is important.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I can say now that the mission was successful.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

**CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES BEFORE
APPOINTMENT OF DIVORCE JUDGE**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Could he tell the house whether the Quebec and Newfoundland provincial authorities will