

discrimination against workers at Point Edward naval base?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): Yes, sir.

FREIGHT RATES

LUMBER—APPLICATION FOR INCREASE ON SHIPMENTS FROM NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, could I complete an incomplete answer which I gave the hon. member for Port Arthur yesterday. The hon. member asked me about the imminence of an increase in freight rates on lumber shipments from northwestern Ontario and I did not have all the information.

I have now been advised that the railways have not yet filed their tariffs with the Board of Transport Commissioners. Thirty days will be required, if they do, before the tariffs can come into operation, and during that time anyone who wishes to take objection to them will be free to do so.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON EQUALIZATION FORMULA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Is the minister in a position to indicate when he will elaborate on the government's intentions with regard to the equalization formula, especially as it applies to the Atlantic provinces?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this is a major part of the negotiations with the provinces which are now going on within the tax structure committee. When we have proceeded with those discussions to a sufficient point, and when the premiers have met and ratified the results of the discussions of the ministers of finance, the government will then be in a position to announce their findings.

AIR TRANSPORT

TORONTO-CHICAGO—SERVICE BY TWO CANADIAN CARRIERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Has Canada recently been given

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the right to put two Canadian air carriers on the Toronto-Chicago run under the Canada-U.S. air agreement and, if so, will Canadian Pacific Air Lines and Air Canada each be allotted one of these runs?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the Toronto-Chicago run the hon. gentleman will no doubt recollect that Air Canada has been flying that route for a long time. The new route is the Montreal-Chicago route.

[Later:]

Mr. Hees: I should like to direct another question to the Minister of Transport now that he has had an opportunity to read the report which appeared in the newspapers this morning dealing with the remarks made yesterday by Mr. J. C. Gilmer, president of Canadian Pacific Air Lines, dealing with the Toronto-Chicago run. Would the minister be prepared now to make any comment on the remarks Mr. J. C. Gilmer is reported to have made yesterday on this matter?

Mr. Pickersgill: I think the only remark I could usefully make at this moment is that the government's present intentions were announced the day before yesterday, and I should be glad to send the hon. gentleman a copy of that announcement. I do not think it would be wise at this stage of our proceedings to enter into speculation.

WATER RESOURCES

REPORTED MEETING BETWEEN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALASKA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister's attention been drawn to a meeting between representatives of the government of British Columbia and representatives of the state of Alaska with respect to the joint development of two large hydroelectric projects in our north? If so, has the minister any comment to make with respect to this meeting between representatives of the province and a foreign state when our government is giving consideration to the question of a national water policy?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, since receiving notice of my hon. friend's question I have made some inquiries, and I know of no such meeting.