

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question? When the minister makes that announcement, will it include a statement with respect to persons who have been red circled, bearing in mind the Prime Minister's assurance that any injustice would be removed?

Mr. Benson: I would not like to forecast what I am going to say in the announcement before I make it.

INDUSTRY**POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. RESPECTING AUTOMOBILE TIRES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Industry if the government is contemplating a free trade agreement with the United States in respect of the manufacture and sale of automobile tires?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, we are exploring, of course, every possible avenue in respect of all possible industries for increasing and promoting trade in both directions.

Mr. Hales: May I ask a supplementary question. Will the minister give the house an opportunity to debate such an agreement?

Mr. Drury: I think that is a hypothetical question, Mr. Speaker.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**SPENCE ROYAL COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister if he can tell the house whether he has had any communication with Mr. Justice Spence, as to whether we can expect his report at an early date?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. It is not customary to get in touch with royal commissioners in respect of reports which they are preparing.

[Later:]

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister inquired of Mr. Justice Spence when his report will be available or is the

[Mr. Benson.]

story correct that the right hon. gentleman does not want the report until after the house recesses?

Mr. Pearson: No, sir.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Well, the question has been answered.

DIVORCE**REQUEST THAT RECENT BRIEFS BE PROVIDED TO COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Prime Minister, and concerns the assistance the right hon. gentleman can give to members of this house. Would the Prime Minister have his staff turn over to the special committee on divorce any public briefs or portions thereof presented to the government in recent years on the subject of divorce reform?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to look into that.

FISHERIES**BRITISH COLUMBIA—DAMAGE TO SALMON SPAWNING GROUNDS BY LOG RUN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Can the minister give the house any report about the proposal to drive logs on certain salmon spawning streams such as the Owikeno river? I spoke to the minister earlier today about this matter.

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, this morning I received a telegram, signed by representatives of a number of organizations, protesting against the driving or towing of logs on the Whannock river. I replied that since facilities for loading and unloading logs had not yet been completed in relation to an access road, I would allow the towing to take place, provided the water gauge read 11 feet, but that it had to be completed by June 30. Since sending that telegram and before coming to the house I received another telegram advising me that the water level on the Whannock river was down to 8½ feet. Under such conditions no towing would be allowed.

Mr. Howard: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister anticipate any objection or reprisal from the provincial government concerned as was the case with respect to the Stellako river?