

the objective of increasing those powers, and introducing appropriate amendments to the Yukon Act?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to discuss this matter with the minister, who in due course will make a statement in this regard.

#### TRANSPORT

##### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAUSEWAY— PRESENCE OF FEDERAL MEMBERS AT DISCUSSIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Kings):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the announcement this morning that the premier of Prince Edward Island will be meeting with the Prime Minister tomorrow to discuss the slowdown in the construction of the Prince Edward Island causeway, will the Prime Minister consider inviting members of parliament representing Prince Edward Island to that meeting in view of their interest in this question?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to convey the results of that discussion to my hon. friends from Prince Edward Island.

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Can he advise whether Colonel Edward Churchill is now studying the feasibility of placing hovercraft on the Borden-Tormentine run, and whether these are being considered as replacements for existing ferries or as a substitute for the still non-existent causeway?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, Colonel Churchill is directing the consultant firm examining all possible ways of establishing a crossing from Prince Edward Island to the mainland.

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE

##### INQUIRY AS TO REGULATION OF CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the government contemplating the placing of either severe restrictions or an outright ban on cigarette advertising on radio and television?

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#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** None at the moment, Mr. Speaker.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE

##### REPRESENTATION AS TO SALARY INCREASES FOR SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue whether he can answer today the question I asked on Friday in respect of the charge of the professional institute that the decision of the government not to pay the promised increase to our scientific staff will mean large scale resignations.

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I have just received a rather lengthy report in this regard, and I should like to condense it and perhaps answer my hon. friend's question tomorrow.

#### POLLUTION

##### INQUIRY AS TO PROPOSED EXPENDITURE TO CONTROL WATER POLLUTION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Will he tell the house whether the \$50 million assault on water pollution which was to have accompanied the passage of a proposed new water act has been scrapped as part of government spending cuts?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, personally I was hearing for the first time about a specific amount of \$50 million to be affected to the fight against water pollution. We would have liked to dispose of such a fund, of course, but it is not essential.

However, this is a good opportunity to say that next year my department will earmark \$48 million for its water resources branch, and out of that amount \$21 million will be for oceanography and \$9 million to pollution in particular. Other departments contribute also to that undertaking. I feel that this newspaper report should not be given the dramatic importance it seems to have at first sight.

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