

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** That matter is still being given consideration.

**MOTION FOR PAPERS**

## EIDERDOWN COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

*Motion No. 74—Mr. Fisher:*

For a copy of the return made to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources showing the number of pounds of eiderdown collected and the disposal thereof for 1956, 1957 and 1958, as required by the permit issued by the Canadian wildlife service on the 13th day of April, 1956, to Fernand Boucher and Andre Grenier, 3551 Park avenue, Montreal, Quebec.

Motion agreed to.

**DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**

## NEWFOUNDLAND—IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON REVISION OF TERMS OF UNION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that March 31 is the 10th anniversary of the union of Newfoundland with Canada I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether before that date the government will announce its intention to carry out the recommendations of the McNair commission report?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, an announcement can be expected before that date.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## SUMMIT CONFERENCE—POSSIBILITY OF MEETING IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Jacques Flynn (Quebec South):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. As it is mentioned in today's news that a summit conference will take place in the middle of the summer, would the Prime Minister be kind enough to tell the house if there is a possibility that such a conference may be held in Canada?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, certainly it would be a source of gratification to the Canadian people if the summit conference were held in Canada. There are available at the Citadel in the city of Quebec those facilities which I believe would render a summit conference in that city not only feasible but appropriate. Since Canada is located between the two major countries, namely the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A., and has close affiliation with the United Kingdom and France, I am sure that Canadians as a whole would welcome the holding of this conference in this country.

[Mr. Hellyer.]

I did suggest Canada as a suitable place for the holding of that conference to Mr. Macmillan when he was here recently.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

## NEWFOUNDLAND—INQUIRY RESPECTING SENDING OF POLICE REINFORCEMENTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. M. Batten (Humber-St. George's):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the further disturbances over the past week end in western Newfoundland, is it now the intention of the minister to send R.C.M.P. reinforcements to western Newfoundland?

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I have had no report with regard to this disturbance which would indicate that the situation is different from what it was when it was referred to earlier by the Prime Minister in his statement to this house.

## REQUEST FOR TABLING OF TELEGRAM FROM MAYOR OF ST. JOHN'S

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate):** I should like to ask the minister a supplementary question. Is it true that the minister received representations from the mayor of St. John's indicating that, because of the failure of the federal government to carry out its contract, the city of St. John's was seriously denuded of police?

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):** I had a telegram from the mayor of St. John's some two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, to which I replied, and I have had no further representations.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Would the minister be willing to table this communication?

**Mr. Fulton:** Well, I do not know, Mr. Speaker, whether one should table every telegram which is received, and every reply. They do not seem to me to cast any further light on the matter than that contained in the question put to the minister. I have had such representations, and I have sent a reply.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I request the minister to make the information available to parliament.

**Mr. Fulton:** Very well. If the house will consent, Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to table the telegram.