

Inquiries of the Ministry

respect, but that it was up to the Minister of Public Works to do so.

However, before making decisions in such cases we always consult the protocol division.

I would also mention that the Department of External Affairs and the Department of the Secretary of State both have a protocol division, but final responsibility rests with the Department of Public Works.

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question so as to clear up the answer the Minister of Public Works has just given. The minister stated that in such cases the Canadian flag had to be flown. Could he tell the house to what Canadian flag he is referring?

Mr. Deschatelets: Mr. Speaker, I was referring to the red ensign, needless to say.

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

In view of the fact that the Minister of Public Works seemingly based his answer on custom and tradition, could he tell the house how many cases of this kind have occurred in Canada since confederation?

Mr. Deschatelets: Mr. Speaker, I think I can answer this question by saying that since confederation the Canadian flag has never flown along with another flag at the war memorial, unless it was a flag of a sovereign foreign country.

Mr. Grégoire: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has this ever been asked by one of the provinces?

[*Later:*]

Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works.

Could the minister tell us what officer—and to which department he is responsible—supplied information on the protocol regarding the flags flown at the Canadian war memorial?

Could he also table in the house the text of the protocol which made it impossible to fly the fleur-de-lis last week?

[*Text:*]

Mr. Speaker: This surely is a question for the order paper.

COLD LAKE, ALTA.—CONTRACT FOR AIRPORT HEATING SYSTEM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Terry Nugent (Edmonton-Strathcona): I should like to ask the Minister of National

Defence whether he would clarify an answer he gave on Friday. He gave it so quickly I was not in the house when it came up. He said, as reported on page 8429 of *Hansard*—this is with regard to the conversion to gas at Cold Lake airport—that the contract was not simply put up for tender but that gas was being supplied by the Cold Lake Pipeline Company, the only company in a position to do so in that area.

Does that answer mean that the Cold Lake Pipeline Company is doing the conversion work normally done by heating and plumbing contractors, and was this work negotiated rather than put up for tender?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): The pipe line company is, I understand, installing the underground works necessary for the distribution of the gas. In the circumstances I believe this would have been a negotiated contract.

Mr. Nugent: My question concerned the conversion of the heating units in 850 married quarters. Has this work been put out for tender or was it negotiated, and is it being done by the same company?

Mr. Hellyer: I cannot recall for sure. I think I had better take that part of the question as notice.

POWER

REPORTED U.S. INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT DAM ON YUKON RIVER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources concerning relations between Alaska, the United States and Canada. My question is based on reports of the plans of the government of the state of Alaska and the United States corps of army engineers for harnessing the hydroelectric potential of the Yukon river by the building of a dam at Rampart on the Alaska portion of the Yukon river.

Bearing in mind our knowledge of the United States doctrine that first in time is first in right, and in view of the warning by General McNaughton that once ratification of the Columbia treaty had been completed the United States would step in to take the Yukon power away from Canada, would the minister inform the house of the government's plan to protect Canada's rights so as to provide for the future development of the Yukon river by Canada in Canada?