

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**MONTMAGNY, QUE.—REQUEST FOR ERECTION OF PROTECTION WALLS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Jean Lesage (Montmagny-L'Islet):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question concerning unemployment which calls for a very brief answer, and it is directed to the Minister of Public Works. In view of the acute unemployment situation at Montmagny and vicinity, will the minister reconsider his decision not to proceed with the erection of protection walls at Montmagny, for which work tenders have been asked?

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** That should be put on the order paper.

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to look into this matter, but if my memory is correct the hon. member wanted to build a protection wall for one of his friends.

**Mr. Lesage:** I believe, Mr. Speaker, I cannot allow that inference to go unanswered.

**An hon. Member:** All right; it was for two of your friends, then.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. May I say before the hon. member speaks that I do not feel the Minister of Public Works should leave an inference of that kind on the record, and I would ask him if he would not change the last part of his remarks so it would not read as an imputation of motives on the records of the house.

**Mr. Green:** I will put it this way, Mr. Speaker. If I remember correctly this wall was to be built for partisan supporters of the former government.

**Mr. Lesage:** Mr. Speaker, I am very sorry to have to say this, but the Minister of Public Works should know better than that. As a matter of fact the amount of money which was earmarked for this project was to be spent—

**Mr. Harkness:** What is the question?

**Mr. Lesage:** It is a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I have been smeared.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I will hear the hon. member for Montmagny-L'Islet on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Lesage:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The protection wall was going to be built on government property and also along the river in front of approximately 12 or 15 privately owned properties, and I am not sure that I had a majority of supporters among those 12 or 15 voters in the last election.

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**CHAMBLY-ROUVILLE, QUE.—REQUEST FOR ERECTION OF PROTECTION WALLS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Yvon L'Heureux (Chambly-Rouville):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Would the minister be prepared to permit the construction of protection walls along the Richelieu river to relieve unemployment in the county of Chambly-Rouville?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware whether or not there is provision in the estimates this year for walls in that particular part of the country, but I shall be glad to look into the situation.

**Mr. L'Heureux:** I know that \$13,000 was voted in the budget last year for work to be done at St. Mathias.

**Mr. Green:** I will have to look into the situation.

**ILES-DE-LA-MADELEINE—REQUEST FOR REPAIR OF WHARF AT GRINDSTONE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. C. A. Cannon (Iles-de-la-Madeleine):** May I address a question to the Minister of Public Works. On January 7 last I drew the attention of the minister to damage to the wharf at Grindstone and the urgency of making repairs. I suggested that steel for the repairs should be ordered immediately. My question is, have instructions been given in his department for the steel to be ordered?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):** I shall have to look into this question. I have not an answer as yet.

**ROYAL VISIT**

**PRINCESS MARGARET—REQUEST THAT NIAGARA FALLS BE INCLUDED IN ITINERARY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. L. Houck (Niagara Falls):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Secretary of State. I would like to ask her if the itinerary for the proposed visit of Princess Margaret to Canada has been arranged, and if the hon. lady will be sure to see to it that in that itinerary is included a visit to the showplace of the world, Niagara falls?

**Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I have already made representations to the government hospitality committee on behalf of the hon. member, and I shall be very glad to do what I can to see that Her Royal Highness views Niagara falls if it is possible to include it in her itinerary.