

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

its municipal boundary one mile into lake Ontario, and since that town has announced that it wishes to oversee the installation of water pipe lines, is the Department of Transport abdicating its authority under the Navigable Waters Protection Act in this matter, as the Department of Public Works did?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think I would have to seek legal advice before I attempted to answer this question. I will be glad to do so.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****MARITIME PROVINCES—REPORTED STATEMENT RESPECTING CARE OF INDIANS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. May I ask whether the minister is aware of the statement which emanated from a session of the regional advisory committee on Indian affairs in the maritimes to the effect that more concern is being shown toward animals to see that they are properly fed and sheltered than to the Indians of Canada. Would he cause an investigation to be carried out to ascertain the reason for the aforementioned statement?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Well, Mr. Speaker, words are easy; I do not know where these words originated. A very great number of things are being done at the present time to improve the situation of the Indians. A very large sum of money has been voted by the house for this purpose. I think we are making some very good progress indeed.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** In view of what the minister has said would he have an investigation carried out in the maritime provinces to ascertain the reason such a statement would come from a regional commission of this type?

**Mr. Laing:** Yes; I certainly will be interested in finding out who made the statement and to what he was referring.

**POLLUTION****REQUEST FOR SHOWING OF FILM TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of [Mr. Cowan.]

Energy, Mines and Resources. It arises from an invitation I received from the secretary of the Canadian council of resource ministers to attend in Montreal the reshowing of the National Film Board's film which was shown at the pollution conference last fall.

I should like to ask the minister whether he could arrange to have this film shown on Parliament Hill so members of parliament would have an opportunity of seeing for themselves this dramatic presentation of pollution conditions and their consequences in Canada.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I will make inquiries in this regard, but let me correct the hon. member's impression. The film was not made by the National Film Board, which is a great institution; it was made by Crawley Films.

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT****ALLEGED TAMPERING WITH MAIL BY HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Solicitor General whether he can make a report to the house regarding the progress of the investigation by the R.C.M. Police into the activities of the Hudson's Bay Company in tampering with the mail.

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, the R.C.M.P. have interviewed some people and reports have been made and turned over to the Postmaster General. I believe he will be taking appropriate action as a result of those reports.

**Mr. Howard:** I have a supplementary question. I should like to ask the Postmaster General whether he cares to relate to the house what is taking place.

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** We have not as yet received the report from the R.C.M.P., Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Knowles:** It is a long way from there to there.

**Mr. Howard:** May I ask another supplementary question, though I do not know to whom I should direct it. Would the Prime Minister care to receive some documentary evidence I have which proves that the Hudson's Bay Company has conducted itself in a criminal way by tampering with the mail and by altering cheques?