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at the inception of the agreement, and on each renewal of the agreement the same route has been signified and was included in schedule A of the agreement last year, namely from Nanaimo to Victoria on Vancouver Island. The hon. member will therefore appreciate that there is no legislative authority which we could invoke under the Trans-Canada Highway Act to make any extensions.

As a matter of fact we would be very grateful if the province of British Columbia would undertake to complete as soon as possible the very large amount of highway which still has to be completed. To this end I wish to reiterate that the federal government has spent in the province of British Columbia upwards of \$100 million on this highway.

Mr. Howard: I have a supplementary question. I wonder if I may ask the minister, with respect to the questions asked by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni of the minister's predecessor, whether those questions were predicated upon telegrams or communications from the highways minister also, or whether perhaps this particular telegram to which he refers has some connection with events in Esquimalt-Saanich?

Mr. Walker: Mr. Speaker, I certainly admire the perspicacity of the hon. member who has asked that question. I think the minister of highways in British Columbia is always flying a political kite one way or another.

PUBLIC SERVICE

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, HIGH COMMISSIONER
TO U.K.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I appear to have had a great deal of difficulty with the *Hansard* reporters. I wonder if I could ask for another correction. At page 4604, in a question to the Prime Minister, I am quoted as saying "the salary structure and promotion steps of Mr. Stepler". What I said was "the salary structure and expense allowance". I wonder whether the Prime Minister is in a position to answer that question?

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member will read further in *Hansard* he will find that I suggested that the question should be put on the order paper. May I say also that the time of the house is valuable, and that it should not be taken up in making unimportant corrections in *Hansard*. The opportunity is afforded to every member to go to the editor's office, read the script of what he has said, and make his corrections on the day the speech is made. There is also an opportunity to make corrections in the final

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revised copy. I therefore think it is incumbent on all hon. members to use restraint in using the time of the house for the purpose of making corrections in the reports of the debates.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege affecting myself and every hon. member of this house, while I cannot find the direct *Hansard* reference immediately I recall a statement by Your Honour on a previous occasion in which you admonished hon. members for making corrections in *Hansard* in the *Hansard* office and said the proper place to make them was in the house itself.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Howard: Yes.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VISIT OF PREMIER OF ISRAEL TO CANADA

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, may I revert to motions because of an announcement to be made respecting a visit to Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Has the Prime Minister leave to revert to motions?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to inform hon. members of this house that the premier of Israel, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, has accepted an invitation to visit this country. He will arrive in Ottawa on May 24 for a two day visit and will thereafter spend a brief period privately in this country. He will be visiting the United States, of course, during the month.

Canada will welcome Mr. David Ben-Gurion as the distinguished leader of a young and vigorous state whose energy and guidance have been so important in the rapid progress made by his country. It is the hope of the government and people of Canada that the close and friendly relations which have existed between our countries since the founding of Israel will continue to grow. The visit is regarded as a further step in that direction.

This will be the premier's first visit to Canada as premier of his country. During the visit matters of common interest to our two countries will be discussed, and I feel sure both countries will benefit by the exchange of views which will be made possible by the visit.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in recent years Canada has received many very distinguished visitors, but I am sure none has been given a warmer welcome than will be given