

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Winters: Controls were imposed on the export of scrap several weeks ago, but we still maintain the principle of open border between the United States and Canada which has prevailed for some time. To the best of my knowledge there is very little scrap moving back and forth across the border.

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): In view of some of the remarks which were made on the minister's statement, which would indicate that the statement dealt with the export of copper, I would like a clarification. Am I correct in assuming that this is in regard to the export of concentrates and ores, and not finished copper?

Mr. Winters: That is exactly right. The whole object is to preserve the supply of copper in Canada for secondary producers of copper products.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

VICTOR GEORGE SPENCER—REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL INQUIRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): My question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the concern which has been expressed on both sides of the house with reference to the case of Victor G. Spencer, I want to ask the Prime Minister if he would give consideration, between now and when the Justice estimates come back before the committee of supply, to reconsider his former decision and agree to an in camera hearing for Spencer before a properly constituted inquiry.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice set forth the position of the government in this matter yesterday, and I am glad to be able to confirm that position.

[*Translation*]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

EDMONTON, ALTA.—NEW STATION POSTERS IN ENGLISH ONLY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Transport?

The minister is no doubt aware of the new C.N.R. station in Edmonton, Alberta, but is he also aware of the fact that all the posters

inside this huge railway station are unilingual and that they do not contain one word of French? Would the minister be prepared to see to it that bilingualism is respected in Alberta just as it is in the province of Quebec?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member's representations have been placed before the minister, and as his question is not that urgent, I would suggest to the hon. member to place it on the order paper.

FIRE

INVESTIGATION INTO LOSS OF RESIDENCE OF QUEBEC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Clément Vincent (Nicolet-Yamaska): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Prime Minister?

It has to do with the fire which destroyed the Quebec Lieutenant Governor's residence and is based on a reply the Prime Minister gave to the house last Tuesday when he said he had talked with the Quebec Premier about the details of the fire. He added that the Premier of Quebec was going to report to him in greater detail. Can the Prime Minister tell us if he has received a preliminary report on the causes of the fire and, if so, whether he intends to table that report?

[*English*]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the provincial government concerned made an inquiry into the origin of the fire. That report has already been made public. I should be glad to send a copy to my hon. friend. The report shows that in all probability the fire was due to a fault in the electric wiring.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Vincent: Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question which also concerns the events that took place last week?

Could the Prime Minister tell us if the appointment of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec was made on the recommendation of the premier of that province?

[*English*]

SHIPPING

PAUL HALL—POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH CANADIAN OPERATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the