

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Walker: That question does not beget a reply.

[Later:]

Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester): In view of the reply given to the hon. member for Levis that in effect the minister was not prepared to table a report on the subject of the Northumberland causeway, is he prepared to table a preliminary report on the same project which was made available to the Prime Minister prior to his visit to Charlottetown on December 6 last?

Mr. Walker: No, Mr. Speaker. There was no official report at that time.

IMMIGRATION

ALLEGED PAYMENTS BY GREEK AND ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Can the minister inform the house as to the findings of her investigation into allegations that sums of money have been paid out by Greek immigrants to private individuals in order to secure their entry into Canada?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I did not catch the first part of the question, Mr. Speaker, but I think the hon. member was asking whether an investigation was under way. If that is the gist of the question then the answer is yes.

Mr. Hellyer: My question was whether the minister will present her findings. Does she have anything to report?

Mrs. Fairclough: I am sorry. The investigation is still in progress.

Mr. Hellyer: Has the minister received complaints to the effect that entry of immigrants from Italy, who had previously been denied entry, had been expedited by payments to the Paragon travel agency in Toronto?

Mrs. Fairclough: I have no such report and if there is anything in my department it has not yet reached my desk.

Mr. Hellyer: Does the minister intend to seek the aid of the R.C.M.P. in the investigation?

Mrs. Fairclough: I would be glad to entertain any proposal the hon. gentleman cares to make in that regard if he will give us sufficient information to proceed.

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

FINANCE

TEXTILES—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON IMPORT QUOTAS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether he is in a position to inform the house whether any decision has been reached regarding current import quotas on textiles and other goods.

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Negotiations looking toward agreement with respect to 1962 export quotas have been under way for some time with representatives of the Japanese government.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON BILINGUALISM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to ask a question of the Prime Minister. In view of the widespread interest and concern being expressed throughout the country with respect to the question of bilingualism in Canada would the Prime Minister consider appointing a royal commission to examine all aspects of the subject?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

OIL

INQUIRY AS TO VOLUNTARY QUOTA ON CRUDE EXPORTS TO U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): I should like to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce to inform the house whether representations have been made to the Canadian government to obtain a voluntary quota system with respect to the export of crude oil to the United States?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I am not aware of any such request from the United States administration.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

SARNIA, ONT.—CURRENT STATUS OF PROPERTY SALE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): I should like to ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration whether there are any negotiations going on at the present time, to her knowledge, respecting the sale of the Sarnia reserve?