

Inquiries of the Ministry

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[Later:]

Mr. Garson: Mr. Speaker, this afternoon the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar (Mr. Coldwell) asked me a question to which I gave an answer and I should like now, in the interests of greater clarity, to make a correction of that answer to read as follows:

Mr. Speaker, our non-censorship of Mr. Gouzenko is a practice which I think it is fair to say has never yet conflicted; for I should also add that Mr. Gouzenko on every occasion on which he has appeared in court, on television or this examination the proceedings of which I tabled today, has always given a very good account of himself.

PRIVILEGE

MR. FRASER (PETERBOROUGH)—REFERENCE TO STATEMENT IN MONTREAL "GAZETTE"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough): I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. In the *Montreal Gazette* of this morning, page 23, under the heading "Parliamentary News", there is a statement that works minister Winters says either the old customs building or Gordon Fraser, member for Peterborough, may be used as accommodation for a branch of the unemployment insurance commission. I wish to inform the minister that since I have been on a diet I do not think I have the necessary accommodation.

AIRPORTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON POSITION AT HALIFAX

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. R. Balcom (Halifax): I wish to inquire of the Minister of Transport whether or not he is in a position to make a statement concerning the airport at Halifax, outlining the progress made to date, along with information which might indicate the probable date of starting operations.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): I do not know that I can give a complete statement answering the hon. member, Mr. Speaker, but I may say this. We are desirous of building an airport at Halifax. As the hon. member knows, we have made surveys in the Lucasville area which indicated that weather conditions there were not better than those which prevailed at Halifax. Since then we have had a further survey made of the Kelly lake area near

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Halifax. This has been completed and an analysis of that survey indicates the Kelly lake area warrants further investigation on the ground.

To this end the department will send a survey party as soon as it is possible so to do in order to complete that investigation. For that reason it is not possible for me to say at this time when the construction will begin, other than to say that if reports in the Kelly lake area prove satisfactory, and subject to the city of Halifax providing the lands for airport facilities, then we will proceed with the construction of civil aviation facilities at Halifax.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

RADAR DEFENCES—RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence a question about radar installations because it is important for this country to know whether there has been a breakdown of security in his own department. Can the minister tell us how he reconciles his statement of yesterday that the giving of names and locations of government stations is permissible, with the statement made last year that such information would be most valuable to the only potential enemy we have.

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence): I thought I made the position quite clear yesterday that the publication in the *Roundel* of individual names of men posted to radar stations was made contrary to security provisions laid down by the chief of the air staff and generally in effect throughout the armed forces. This was done through inadvertence of the editor.

GRAIN

INQUIRY AS TO CLEARING OF ELEVATORS AT SEABOARD PORTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Castleden (Yorkton): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. What progress has been made in the clearing of grain elevators at Montreal and other seaboard ports in readiness for the flow of grain from the head of the lakes when lake shipping opens later this month?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I would point out to my hon. friend that about a week ago one ship struggled through the ice and reached the port of Montreal. I believe it has since departed, but it took on package cargo more