

Inquiries of the Ministry

to indicate that he had no intention of acceding to Premier Frost's request for an additional \$100 million?

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. member for Essex East might better take advantage of the debate which will follow this to deal with matters of that kind.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN**UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—FEDERAL AID TO STUDENTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the Secretary of State to the fact that on March 9 last the house passed a resolution that I moved asking for the production of certain correspondence more directly related to the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. Will he kindly make inquiries as to why this rather lengthy lapse of time has passed since the motion was passed and no results have been forthcoming?

Hon. Henri Courtemanche (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to do that.

SHIPPING**GREAT LAKES—SUGGESTED DISCUSSION OF U.S. SUBSIDIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. It relates to the minister's coming trip south of the border to talk with United States officials on problems relating to the Canada Shipping Act. Will the minister consider talks with the proper United States officials on the effects of their policy of subsidizing United States maritime shipping into the great lakes, or at least find out why and how they support their shipping with such subsidies?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): I shall be glad to give consideration to the hon. member's request.

IMMIGRATION**KLAUS FUCHS—REPORTED REQUEST FOR ADMITTANCE TO CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alexis Caron (Hull): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In this morning's *Gazette* it is reported that London may ask Canada to accept the atom spy, Klaus Fuchs. Has any consideration been given to this question?

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have had various departments communicated with in order to ascertain what foundation, if any, there is for the press dispatch referred to by the hon. gentleman, and I have been unable to find anything to substantiate the substance of the report.

HIGHWAYS**MONTREAL—STATEMENT ON REPORTED CLOSING OF MAIN ROAD ALONG WATERFRONT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, on Thursday last the hon. member for Laurier asked me a question arising from an article in *La Presse* to the effect that the main highway running along the waterfront in Montreal adjacent to the border and within the jurisdiction of the Montreal harbour commission is to be closed. In answer I am glad to report to him that it is not the intention to close the waterfront road to which my hon. friend referred. This road is located inside the harbour limits, and by reason of the fact that a considerable number of persons having no business in the harbour have been utilizing it, congestion and serious inconvenience to port traffic and railway operations have been created. To alleviate this condition, which is detrimental to the welfare and efficiency of the port, the imposition of restrictions upon unwarranted traffic is now proposed.

I might add that the article in *La Presse* says, among other things:

A few days away from the opening of the sea-way, the decision of the national harbours board appears fully justified.

Also, on Thursday last the *Gazette* commented in an editorial, "The move is a logical one."

THE BUDGET**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE**

The house resumed, from Thursday, April 9, consideration of the motion of Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means.

Mr. W. M. Benidickson (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, the fairly lengthy budget speech which we heard the other night buried a number of important facts, I think, within the superlatives in the address. One's immediate reaction was that some of the rhetoric and semantics fairly shouted for further investigation, and one is indeed quite grateful