

Inquiries of the Ministry

CAUSEWAY CONSTRUCTION, P.E.I.-N.B.

Motion No. 51—Mr. Robichaud:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged from September 1, 1960, to date, between the federal government or any agency or department thereof, with the government of the province of Prince Edward Island, in connection with the construction of the proposed causeway across Northumberland strait to link Prince Edward Island with New Brunswick.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I shall be very happy to accept this order with the usual reservation; but to save the time of the house and for the information of the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate I may say that the usual reservation is that we are required under the rules of the house or the practice of the house to get the consent of the province. In this case it is the province of Prince Edward Island. Perhaps that statement will satisfy the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate.

Mr. Speaker: The minister has indicated that the motion is acceptable, subject to the limitation that the consent of one party to the correspondence, namely the province, be obtained before the order be filed. Subject to that reservation or limitation expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT,
TECK MUNICIPALITY, ONT.**Motion No. 52—Mr. Peters:**

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the federal government and the council of the municipality of Teck, relating to a proposed municipal housing development.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, this motion is accepted without reservation, because the same practice does not apply to municipalities.

Motion agreed to.

FEDERAL BUILDING, KIRKLAND LAKE, ONT.

Motion No. 53—Mr. Peters:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the federal government and the municipal council of the township of Teck, concerning the building of a new federal building in Kirkland Lake.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, this motion is also accepted, and perhaps no explanation is necessary.

Motion agreed to.

CAMPBELLTON-CROSS POINT BRIDGE

Motion No. 55—Mr. Robichaud:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged since June 21, 1957,

between the Department of Public Works and any individual, engineering consultant firms or others in connection with plans and specifications for the Campbellton-Cross Point bridge, including correspondence exchanged with any groups or syndicate prior to the approval of the project and up to this date.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, this motion is accepted on the understanding that correspondence, between the engineering consultants employed by the government and any group or syndicate should be considered privileged, as it is departmental correspondence and is privileged.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the limitation expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): No; on division.

Motion agreed to.

REMOVAL OF GENERAL MOTORS PLANT
FROM WINDSOR**Motion No. 56—Mr. Martin (Essex East):**

For a copy of any written communication or a record of any exchange between the government and General Motors on the subject of an unfounded report of a removal of General Motors plant from Windsor.

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there is no objection to this question, except that my instructions are that it should be accepted with the usual reservations. If the hon. member objects to that I shall have to ask him to let it stand.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): In view of that, will the hon. lady kindly let it stand?

Motion stands.

INCOME TAX

REPORTED STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF
NATIONAL REVENUE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Benidickson (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the acting prime minister, who I assume is the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming). I wonder whether the minister has seen a reported statement by his colleague the Minister of National Revenue, who sits with him traditionally on budget preparation committees, and whether he concurs in the statement reported to have been made by the Minister of National Revenue in London the other day, that in the next budget income tax increases are more likely than reductions, and that the next budget would undoubtedly have a deficit.