

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

or rather issued a press release yesterday. If the house would like me to, I would be pleased to table a copy.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the desire of the house that the minister should have leave to table the document to which he has referred?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Churchill:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I doubt very much whether press releases should be tabled in the house. If we start that practice there will be such an accumulation of paper from the ministerial offices that we won't know what to do with it.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** It is only one page.

**Mr. Speaker:** If there is no agreement the document cannot be tabled.

**SHIPPING**

REQUEST FOR OPENING OF CHANNEL TO AMHERST ISLAND

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Will the minister please authorize the icebreaker *Simcoe* now on its way up the St. Lawrence river to Kingston, to continue westerly to Millhaven dock on the north shore west of Kingston, and from there to break a channel to Stella on Amherst island, in order that the ferry *Amherst Islander* may resume vital operations in service to Amherst island, the people of which are in serious need of the resumption of service with the mainland.

**Mr. Speaker:** These are very interesting representations which I am sure have been noted by the minister, but this is not the type of question that can be asked at this time.

**Mr. Alkenbrack:** Mr. Speaker, I had notified the minister of my intention to ask it.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member had not notified me.

**PILOTAGE**

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence on a rather urgent matter. Can he activate the search and rescue service which exists within the Canadian armed

forces to see whether we can find the report of the royal commission on pilotage?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** I shall refer this question to the appropriate minister, Mr. Speaker.

**POLLUTION**

REPLY TO TELEGRAM OF CALGARY ASSOCIATION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to reply to a question addressed by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition to the Acting Prime Minister last Tuesday, as recorded at page 13963 of *Hansard*, regarding a telegram sent to the Prime Minister by Mr. Cronkhite, chairman of the Calgary Fish and Game Association. This telegram expressed concern at the cost of a sewage treatment plant in Calgary and requested senior government financial assistance.

I replied yesterday to the telegram, and among other things I said:

Federal government assists municipalities in construction of sewage treatment plants by making available low cost loans through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. These loans are for a maximum of two thirds the cost and extend for a period of up to 50 years. One quarter of loan is forgiven if project is completed on time.

My office called the mayor of Calgary on this subject and was advised that no application had been made for financial assistance from the federal government, since engineering and cost studies are only now in process, and since Calgary would not be prepared to proceed with the construction for at least another year.

**AGRICULTURE**

INQUIRY AS TO PERSONNEL OF FEED GRAIN BOARD

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development. On Monday of this week the minister informed the house that by March 15 we would be informed of the appointments to the livestock feed board. Have these appointments now been made?

**Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** Mr. Speaker, on Monday of this week I announced that there would be a delay of at least ten days.