

alluded to by the hon. member and hope we shall have his support when we ask the House to increase the number of Parliamentary Secretaries.

**Mr. Baldwin:** What about appointing a backbencher?

**Mr. MacLean:** In the interval, can the Prime Minister assure the House that this omission to appoint a Parliamentary Secretary to a minister who is in great need of one—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. MacLean:** —is not an indication of a further downgrading of the government's estimation of the importance of national defence?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Yes, I can give that assurance, Mr. Speaker. Able though the minister is, I am anxious to have him assisted by a Parliamentary Secretary, and I hope the House will perhaps give unanimous consent so that we can increase the numbers very soon.

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[Translation]

#### ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

##### PUBLICATION OF CARR REPORT ON TOLLS

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether the Carr report respecting tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway has already been published or will soon be?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I must say, Mr. Speaker, that I did not understand the question very well. I think it has to do with tolls, but it is not a matter that comes within the purview of my duties. I shall take it as notice and bring it to the attention of the minister concerned.

**Mr. Laprise:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might direct a supplementary to the Minister of Transport who may be in a position to tell me if the Carr report on tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway has been published or will soon be?

[English]

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the first report of Carr and Associates has been received. It is only a partial report and we are waiting for the final document. At that point we will assess it. There is an obligation on our part to consult with the United States in terms of the operations of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Subsequent to that we will make a decision whether the document or parts of it can be made public.

[Translation]

**Mr. Laprise:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport.

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

May I ask the Minister to assure the House that reports on the Carr survey will also be submitted to the House for study?

[English]

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, I feel quite certain it will be possible for the House to study the whole question of the future of the St. Lawrence Seaway and its operations in, for example, the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications when the estimates or some other matter dealing with the Authority are before the committee. In addition, it is possible that we could have discussions on the basis of the Carr report or at least the findings which emerge from that report. I will be glad to consider it.

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#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### DESTROYER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM DELAY—RELATIONSHIP TO ANTI-SUBMARINE ROLE

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. It is in connection with questions that have been asked with regard to the destroyer construction program. Will the minister give every assurance that the delay is not due to a complete change of policy with regard to the anti-submarine role?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will give that assurance.

**Mr. Bell:** Will the minister also give an indication of the definite date when a decision will be made, because the slippage of time and money continues at an alarming rate each day in the absence of a definite decision?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** The hon. member took the words right out of my mouth, Mr. Speaker.

##### INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Can the Minister of National Defence say when the government intends to table the white paper on defence referred to in the Speech from the Throne?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** I expect some time after the turn of the year, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Turn of what year?

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### BRAZIL—DETENTION IN JAIL OF CANADIAN CITIZEN

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** I intended to direct this question to the Minister of Justice or the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Possibly the Prime Minister or the Acting Minister of Justice could