

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HARBOURS****UNGAVA—STATEMENT AS TO POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer a question directed to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Marler) on Friday last by the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra (Mr. Green) concerning conferences which have taken place between Mr. Cyrus Eaton and government officials concerning the proposed development of a harbour in Ungava bay. The situation is that on April 10 I met with Mr. Cyrus Eaton, Jr., Mr. W. R. Daley and Mr. L. C. Turnock, Jr. On April 11 these same gentlemen met with officials of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys and the Department of Transport, under the chairmanship of the deputy minister of public works, to discuss the possibilities of harbour development in Ungava bay in connection with iron ore operations in the area.

Local conditions and possible sites for a suitable harbour were discussed. They were shown the hydrographic charts and other information prepared by representatives of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys last summer in that area. After discussion it was suggested that the International Iron Ore Company should appoint private consulting engineers to continue studies of suitable sites and methods of developing a harbour. I understand that the company has done this. The Department of Public Works engineers will be available to provide information in accordance with usual government practice.

The officials of the Department of Transport and the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys similarly undertook to make available to the consulting engineers information in their possession.

Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra): May I ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Public Works concerning this proposal to develop a harbour in Ungava bay. Does that include an extension of the present railway line from Knob Lake, I think it is, to Ungava bay?

Mr. Winters: I understand that is not visualized now.

BRIDGES**LUBEC, MAINE-CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, N.B.—
INQUIRY AS TO PREPARATORY SURVEY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. W. Stuart (Charlotte): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public [Mr. Winters.]

Works. Has the government of New Brunswick requested the federal government to authorize it to participate with the state of Maine in a survey preparatory to building a bridge from Lubec, Maine, to Campobello island, New Brunswick?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): There has been an exchange of correspondence between the deputy minister of public works for the province of New Brunswick and the deputy minister of public works in the federal government, in which the former has informed us that they are very familiar with this crossing and have met with several committees from Campobello and Lubec, Maine, to discuss the various matters involved.

The government of New Brunswick has been informed that there are certain considerations that have to be cleared with the international joint commission, as well as under the terms of the Navigable Waters Protection Act, but that the federal government is quite prepared for the government of New Brunswick to undertake the joint survey with the state of Maine.

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES**DOMINION DRAMA FESTIVAL—INQUIRY AS TO ADVERTISING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister? Has the Prime Minister any further statement to make in regard to the matter I questioned him about on Friday, having to do with the improper use of the name of the Governor General of Canada?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the important factor, I think, in the hon. gentleman's question was with respect to the use that had apparently been made, by an organization of which the Governor General is a patron, of the fact that he was the patron of the organization. As the hon. gentleman knows, the extension of his patronage to organizations for the encouragement of the arts or to similar organizations is a personal prerogative of His Excellency the Governor General, and the hon. gentleman knows, as I do, from the publicity that has been given by the newspapers and also over the radio that His Excellency is dealing with the matter himself.