

Inquiries of the Ministry

reached the stage of a tripartite agreement yet. An umbrella agreement has been concluded by the French and the Canadian governments allowing the provinces to do certain things. In the light of international law, the minister, as he said, is now in the process of establishing whether the letters that were exchanged in Paris fall under that agreement.

For my part, I am surprised that the province should have enough money to concern itself with things that do not fall within its jurisdiction. If it has millions of dollars to invest in the field of satellites, I am convinced that the Minister of Finance will be pleased to hear about it.

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question.

I did not ask the Prime Minister whether the stage had been reached for a tripartite agreement, but whether he would favour the idea?

Mr. Speaker: The question then becomes hypothetical.

[*English*]

ESTATE TAX ACT**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RESPECTING LEGISLATION**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Finance when he is going to present to this house the often promised and long dreaded legislation on taxation?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this first-rate legislation with regard to estate taxes will be presented to the house tomorrow.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

TRANSPORT**LEASING OF WATER LOTS ON CANAL SYSTEMS**

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Is it still the department's intention to pursue its program with respect to water lot leasing on the Trent and Rideau canal systems?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps this question might be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Scott: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

HIGHWAY SAFETY**REGULATIONS RESPECTING SNOWMOBILES**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the government giving any consideration to providing regulations for the operation of snowmobiles owing to the fact that they have been responsible for the death of quite a number of people and have now become a menace to pedestrians and other traffic?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): This would be a matter strictly within provincial jurisdiction, unless or until these machines become engaged in interprovincial or international traffic.

Mr. Noble: Mr. Speaker, this is the same answer I got when I raised the problem of highway safety in this house. I think the minister and the government will still have to look after it.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**SASKATCHEWAN—LOCATION OF TELEVISION OUTLET**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Can he advise the house whether the negotiations by the C.B.C. for the acquisition of a television outlet in Saskatchewan have been completed? Can he make an announcement now, or when will he make an announcement as to where these facilities will be located?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I answered that question three or four days ago and I have nothing to add to the reply I gave then.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND QUEBEC RESPECTING SATELLITES**

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister said that Quebec had millions of dollars to spend for the Symphonie satellite. Is he not aware of the fact that France is giving it free of charge?