

to the Alaska highway, and whether he has any announcement to make in that regard. Which country will build and finance it? The dispatches indicate that a definite agreement has been made to do the work with the troops.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I made a reference to the Alaska highway a day or two ago, and there is nothing I can add to what I said at that time. My statement then was to the effect that the matter was under consideration and negotiation, but that no information of a public nature could be given out at present.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): And that is the position to-day?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That is the position to-day.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Do I understand, then, that negotiations are still proceeding, and no agreement has been reached?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No agreement that I am aware of, and I think I would be aware of the agreement if there were any.

PRISONERS OF WAR

INTRODUCTION OF AIR LETTER CARD SERVICE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. P. MULOCK (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the house that arrangements are being made for the introduction of an air letter card service for correspondence with prisoners of war. A fee of ten cents will cover air conveyance in Canada, transatlantic air conveyance and transportation by all available air services beyond Lisbon. This service will be introduced as soon as the necessary forms can be made available. It is believed that this privilege will prove to be an important facility for those corresponding with relatives who are prisoners of war. Negotiations are being initiated with a view to securing reciprocal arrangements under which prisoners and internees in Germany, Italy or Canada may correspond with their homeland by air letter card.

SUNDAY LABOUR

LAKE ST. JOHN PULP AND PAPER COMPANY PLANT AT DOLBEAU, P.Q.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. LIGUORI LACOMBE (Laval-Two Mountains) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, I [Mr. R. B. Hanson.]

wish to read a letter which I have received from the National Catholic union of the paper manufacturing industry and to draw thereto the attention of the Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent):

Dolbeau, P.Q., March 3, 1942.

Mr. Liguori Lacombe,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Having read an article published by you some time ago, we send you herewith a copy of a letter from the Department of Justice addressed to Mr. P. J. Martel, secretary of the central diocesan council, Chicoutimi, and copy of which has been forwarded to all the syndicates of the Chicoutimi district.

We should like to know why, in spite of the act referred to, the Lake St. John Pulp and Paper Company has manufactured newsprint at its Dolbeau plant on Sunday last March the 1st.

Yours very truly,

The members of the National
Catholic Union of the pulp and
paper industry of Dolbeau, Inc.

By L. Dumais,
Secretary.

This is the letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice:

Department of Justice, Canada,

Ottawa, January 29, 1942.

Mr. P. J. Martel, secretary,
Central council of . . .

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I understand that the hon. member has read a communication from himself to the minister and is reading the reply he received from the minister. He is entitled to ask a question, but he should not take too long to lay the foundation. I think now that he has read the letter to the minister he should proceed to ask the question categorically.

Mr. LACOMBE: Very well; I will direct the question to the Minister of Justice.

(Translation): In view of the fact that again on Sunday last the Lake St. John Pulp and Paper company manufactured paper at Dolbeau, will the Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent) take immediate steps to ensure the observation of the law in respect of Sunday labour?

Hon. L. S. St. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, having been unable to understand sufficiently the letters which the hon. member has read, I regret that I cannot give him an immediate answer. I will read them in the transcription of the reporter's notes and will endeavour to give him a reply to-morrow.