

direct another question to the minister. Has he yet received the report of the commission inquiring into the capsizing of the *Manseau 101*?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, to answer the last question first, the answer is yes. In answer to the first question, may I say the matter is under consideration.

Mr. Howard: A supplementary question with respect to the report of the commission of inquiry into the capsizing of the *Manseau 101*. May I ask the minister when he will make this report public?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that I can give a precise answer to that question at the moment, but I am considering the matter.

TRANSPORT

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST INCREASE IN TOLLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gustave Blouin (Saguenay): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport which is further to a question asked in the house last Friday in connection with a telegram addressed to the Prime Minister from the city council of Sept Îles protesting the proposed increase in St. Lawrence seaway tolls. I should like to know whether the minister has any comment to make on this matter today.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was sent copies of this telegram both by the city and by the Prime Minister. I sent word to the city clerk that I would reply to the matter as soon as I can find a few minutes to do so.

That happened after my bill got to this house. I replied yesterday to the city of Sept Îles telling them that the question of tolls was still under discussion between our government and the government of the United States, but assuring them that we would not agree to any change in tolls which would have the effect of discouraging traffic and, above all, of interfering with the iron ore industry of Quebec and Labrador.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): What reply did the minister make with respect to the request of the city of Sept Îles that they be allowed to make representations to the government before any final decision is made?

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Mr. Pickersgill: I did not think it was necessary to reply to that question because under the law made by parliament the opportunity to make representations was advertised widely throughout this country, and a great many representations were made. I need hardly add that any citizen who wishes to write a letter or send a brief to me can be assured that within the limits of human capacity it will be given full attention.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Does that reply not mean that the minister will still not consider the advisability of bringing this matter before the transport committee before a decision is made?

Mr. Pickersgill: There were so many negatives in the hon. member's question that I do not know whether to answer yes or no, but I will be glad to look at it.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): I will make it positive and simple. Does the minister envisage that this question of tolls will go before the committee for consideration?

Mr. Pickersgill: I would not be surprised if it did go before the committee. However, there has to be something definite to go.

Mr. Starr: So I guess it will never go.

SPORTS

HOCKEY—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO CONTROL OF PLAYERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): I have a question for the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister consider setting up a parliamentary committee to formulate federal legislation to protect our young Canadian hockey players from being signed by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and sold like slaves to the professional National Hockey League?

[Later:]

Mr. Smallwood: I am serious about the question I asked the Prime Minister a few minutes ago. This is a matter of great concern to the people of Canada, regardless of whether the hon. member for Norfolk (Mr. Roxburgh) wants to laugh.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): A report on this matter is to be made by the fitness council. It has not yet been received by the government but it will be available very shortly, I understand. At that time we