

Inquiries of the Ministry

districts or any other district in that province? Has it asked for aid for the province of Ontario?

Mr. St. Laurent: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. But that is not something that the province would have to do immediately following the occurrence of the disaster. They themselves would naturally investigate and be in a position, if they came to the federal government, to make representations that would show that there was something of a national character that had to be dealt with. Because I have not received any representation does not mean that there may not be some made after the Ontario government has ascertained the extent and magnitude of what has taken place.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Speaker, without being unduly concerned about the constitutional division of authority, in view of the concern which this matter is causing not only in Ontario but also in the United States, may I suggest that an examination be made by the departmental engineers to see whether in fact there is any practical way in which this serious situation can be dealt with?

Mr. St. Laurent: I am sure that that is being done by the officers of the Department of Public Works. It is not only in respect of these international waters that examinations are being made. I know that representations are coming from sections of the province of Quebec asking for federal assistance in connection with damages resulting from the action of waters at this season. I know that the inspectors of the Department of Public Works are examining all these situations, because quite frequently the assertion is made, not always founded on fact, that the disaster is in some way attributable to works done by or omissions of the Department of Public Works in connection with navigable waters.

Mr. Fraser: This must be the only thing that the government does not control.

Mr. St. Laurent: I did not understand what the hon. member said.

HIGHWAYS

NIPAWIN-FLIN FLON, MAN.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. M. Ferrie (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Resources and Development if he will table the correspondence between the government of Saskatchewan and himself with regard to highway No. 35 from Nipawin to Flin Flon in the years 1951 and 1952?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Resources and Development): Subject to the general reservation with regard to approval by the provincial government respecting their correspondence, I shall be glad to table the correspondence.

AMERICAN AIR LINES

REPORTED MOVEMENT OF CANADIAN EMPLOYEES TO BUFFALO FOR LIE DETECTOR TEST

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough (Hamilton West): I should like to ask the Minister of Justice if he has had a complete report on the circumstances surrounding an incident where eight Canadian employees of American Air Lines were required to take a lie detector test only to find that the test was to be made in Buffalo instead of in Toronto as they had expected?

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): The answer is no.

Mr. Fulton: Has Colonel McCormick any comment to make?

Mrs. Fairclough: Does the minister propose to take steps to prevent such unwarranted action on the part of United States companies operating in Canada?

Mr. Garson: The matter will be investigated.

ANIMAL CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

REQUEST FOR TABELING OF CORRESPONDENCE ORDERED ON MARCH 12

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. A. Charlton (Brant-Wentworth): Will the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Agriculture be good enough to advise the house when we may expect the correspondence relative to foot-and-mouth disease which was ordered tabled on March 12?

Mr. Robert McCubbin (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture): I will look into the matter and see what can be done.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

QUESTION AS TO APPLICATION TO FISHERMEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. F. Higgins (St. John's East): I should like to ask the Minister of Labour the present position in respect to fishermen being considered eligible to receive unemployment insurance.

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour): I thank the hon. member for sending me notice of this question. The unemployment