

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Later:]

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, with reference to the earlier questions about the C.B.C. building in Montreal and Vancouver international airport, I wonder whether the Prime Minister or the Minister of Transport could say whether they are going to proceed at half speed, three quarter speed or full speed with these two projects. What does "orderly" mean?

BANK ACT**INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): In the absence of the Minister of Finance may I direct this question to the Prime Minister, since I am sure it relates to a decision of council. In view of the fact that the Minister of Finance indicated he would be putting the motion on the order paper with regard to the revision of the Bank Act after he had delivered his budget speech, is the Prime Minister in a position to indicate when we may see that motion as well as the revised terms of the Bank Act?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I hope that resolution will be on the order paper before long. I cannot give any assurance when we will reach the discussion of the resolution or the bill based upon it. This will depend on the progress we make with other matters.

FREIGHT RATES**LUMBER—APPLICATION FOR INCREASE ON SHIPMENTS FROM NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. K. Andras (Port Arthur): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that some six months ago the Board of Transport Commissioners deferred for a period of six months their ruling on granting permission to the railways to increase freight rates on lumber shipments from northwestern Ontario to eastern Canada, and in view of the fact such a decision is imminent and will be important to the economy of northwestern Ontario, can the minister tell us where this matter stands now?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I had inquiries made quite recently about the matter, and I think a decision can be expected very shortly. However, I shall

[Mr. Pearson.]

try to advise the hon. gentleman in more detail later.

TRADE**COPPER—APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT OF NEWFOUNDLAND CONCENTRATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I regret not having given him notice of the question, but I am sure he has all the information at his finger tips. Due to the world shortage of copper, and restrictions on exports, can the minister advise whether any requests have been received for export permits for Newfoundland produced copper concentrates?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**PURCHASE BY U.S. OF F-5 FIGHTER PLANE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Is the report true that the United States government has reversed its stand and will buy the Northrop F-5 fighter?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, there have been press reports to indicate that this may happen, but this is a decision which would be for the United States.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has some reservations about the question that has been asked. The hon. member asked whether the report was true. It cannot be a question of urgency, certainly, in the way it was asked.

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CANADIAN CENTENNIAL**POSSIBLE DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF CULTURAL CENTRES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

Could she tell the house, with regard to the budget presented last night, whether the construction of our cultural centres in order to celebrate the Centennial of Confederation, will be postponed?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.