

NATIONAL CAPITAL**INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE ABOLITION
OF COMMISSION**

Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Hull): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development, who has jurisdiction over the National Capital Commission.

In the light of reports which have been circulated since yesterday in press circles, can he tell us if the National Capital Commission will be soon abolished?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): Mr. Speaker, as far as I know, no decision has been taken to that effect. A tripartite report has been forwarded to the federal government and to the governments of Quebec and Ontario, but no decision has been taken and the news or the rumour is unfounded.

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): I would like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

As the Minister has insinuated that the structures of the National Capital Commission will be modified, can he tell us whether the province of Quebec will be consulted about these changes, given the financial contribution it will undoubtedly have to make?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): The province of Quebec is always consulted, Mr. Speaker.

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GRAIN**VANCOUVER, B.C.—EMPTY SHIPS LEAVING
PORT**

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address this question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In the light of his remarks last night and the debate which took place last night, would he explain to the house why big grain ships are leaving Vancouver today empty.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, as at 2.10 this afternoon Ottawa time there were eight grain boats loading at Vancouver and 22 awaiting berths, which, as I remember well, are the same figures as of yesterday at 5.10 p.m.

Mr. Horner: The question was why grain ships are leaving Vancouver empty, not how many are being loaded. In the Vancouver

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Province of today's date it is stated that, of two big grain ships, one has already left and another is scheduled to leave empty. Would the minister explain why they are leaving empty if everything is working well.

Mr. Pepin: I will check on the value of the information.

NATIONAL SECURITY**REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ROYAL
COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Prime Minister. I wonder whether the Prime Minister could inform the house when he intends to table the report of the Royal Commission on Security, or at least report to the house on it.

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Two days ago I said we were still waiting for the consideration of an abridged version that would be acceptable for tabling in the house.

CROWN CORPORATIONS**POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE IN STATUS OF
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. In view of the reported remarks made by the minister yesterday, which have already been the subject of a question in the house today, could he give us the answer to the following question: Is it the intention of the government to take over the Bell Telephone Company and transform it into a public corporation?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): So far as I know there is no such intention. The people on this side of the house have much more imagination and ideas as to how to spend money.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Postmaster General. I would ask him why he ignores the members to my right.

Mr. Kierans: I include them, of course, and the members of the government.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.