

of Transport on the matter of the St. Lawrence seaway tolls. Will the minister inquire from the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority whether they would be prepared to receive further briefs on the question of tolls on the St. Lawrence seaway and lockage fees on the Welland ship canal?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority has already indicated to me and to one or two persons who have inquired that they would be prepared to receive briefs at any time up to June 20 which under the law, is 10 days before they have to make their recommendations to the government.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister undertake to transmit to the seaway authority a copy of last Thursday's *Hansard* with a covering letter indicating his approbation of the expression of opinion by the house on the question of the seaway tolls?

Mr. Pickersgill: I think the seaway authority are regular subscribers to *Hansard* and do not need to have their attention drawn to it by me.

[Translation]

WINTER WORKS

NOTRE-DAME-DE-LA-GUADELOUPE, QUE.—
INQUIRY AS TO REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in his capacity as future minister of manpower.

Has he received any reports for the 1961 winter works concerning the municipality of Notre-Dame-de-la-Guadeloupe in the last few days and has he conducted an investigation in that connection?

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think this question is sufficiently urgent to warrant it being asked at this time.

Mr. Langlois: Then I request that the question be debated at ten o'clock.

GRAIN

REPORTED CONGESTION IN MANITOBA
AND SASKATCHEWAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain): Last Friday I directed a question to the Minister

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of Transport, and in his absence the acting minister took notice of it. Can the minister say whether he has taken any action to advise officials of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railway with regard to the heavy grain congestion in the eastern part of Saskatchewan and Manitoba? This question is of some urgency because we have only 39 shipping days left before July 31.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I understand the information was given to the railways. I also have the impression they are aware of it.

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): I wish to ask this question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the minister aware of the encouraging action taken by the government of British Columbia toward combating lung cancer by declaring today, May 31, to be non-smoking day in British Columbia?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): My question is addressed to the minister of manpower and immigration. Considering the serious charges and the excellent suggestions contained in the study called "Newcomers and New Learning" by Edith Ferguson, can the minister tell us whether he has received this study, whether careful attention is being paid to it, and whether steps will be taken to implement the recommendations contained therein?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will have to read the book before he can decide whether the question is in order.

AIR CANADA

WINNIPEG—REQUEST FOR RETENTION OF
MAINTENANCE BASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the strike situation in Montreal, would the minister consider leaving the Air Canada overhaul base in strike-free Winnipeg?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Thank heaven there is no strike yet in Air Canada.