

and also artillery and long range mortars, which latter request was refused on the ground that none were available.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in so far as the first part of the question is concerned, there was a request for certain clothing, the particulars of which I have not at the moment before me. It was clothing of various kinds and varieties. So far as the latter part of the question is concerned, I will have to look into that matter as I personally have had no notice in this regard.

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the question just asked by the Leader of the Opposition. Is the Prime Minister in a position to say whether consideration has been given, in connection with the request for winter clothing, to making immediately available the thousand year stock of long underwear which we understand is now available?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, that has been on hand since 1952, and I do not know whether they would want it.

SPORTS

BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES—VICTORY OF CANADIAN BOXER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Bert Leboe (Cariboo): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Does the Prime Minister expect to be as successful in his next battle as was gold medallist Harold Mann, the boxer from Prince George, the centre city of British Columbia?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think hon. members from the city of Ottawa and perhaps a few others might wish to rise on similar questions; but I think we can all read our newspapers and rejoice in the success achieved by some of our Canadian athletes.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PETITION REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF FRENCH CANADIANS TO EXECUTIVE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister give the house his views on the petition which has been signed by members of his own, and of other parties, urging that some French Canadians be appointed to the executive of Canadian National Railways?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member realizes that he may not ask for comments

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on certain matters which have taken place outside this chamber, and for which the minister is not responsible.

WATER RESOURCES

STATEMENT ON STUDY OF GREAT LAKES POLLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, on Friday last the hon. member for Fort William inquired if the government is giving consideration to additional financial assistance being granted to the great lakes institute. It is assumed the water pollution mentioned by the hon. member is not oil pollution, as it is understood the institute is not concerned with this, but rather with industrial waste.

The great lakes institute is a scientific body co-ordinated under the Canadian committee on oceanography. It is operated by the University of Toronto, and I believe the provincial government makes some contribution in respect of the fisheries aspect. The meteorological branch of my department provides certain staff and equipment, and our marine services branch also assists the institute in the operation of the C.G.S. *Port Dauphine*. There are other departments of the federal government which may have an interest in the work by the institute, such as northern affairs, water resources branch, national health and welfare, and mines and technical surveys. Perhaps my hon. friend would like to communicate with those departments in the matter.

(Translation):

AIR TRANSPORT

ST. JEAN DE LA LANDE, QUE.—INQUIRY AS TO ACCIDENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gerard Legare (Rimouski): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister now report on the causes of the aircraft accident which took place in Beauce area more than a week ago. I put the question to the minister last week.

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Personally, I have not yet received a report, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I would suggest to the hon. member to put this question on the order paper. By so doing, he may receive an answer sooner.