

Inquiries of the Ministry

opportunity to have the matter looked into the requisite publicity was given to it by someone not connected with my office. The Minister of National Health and Welfare may be able to give an answer with respect to the matter raised.

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I was sorry to learn that Mr. Woodrow Wyatt experienced inconvenience during his medical clearance at Dorval. Because of limitations of space it simply has not been possible to clear passengers in a location other than the main terminal building. However, I have been trying to improve this situation, and a small office closer to the landing field will be opening very soon on a trial basis. This involved some construction and the provision of vaccination facilities, but all the arrangements are virtually completed.

Mr. Chevrier: I should like to ask the Minister of Transport a supplementary question. Is anything being done by the departmental officials concerning the long distances it is necessary for passengers to walk in order to embark or disembark at Montreal airport?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, we are always open to any good suggestions. We have received suggestions from time to time from the general public and from members of parliament, and I can say that at the present time my department has the matter under very serious consideration.

Mr. Chevrier: Has consideration been given to moving walks such as I understand are used in many other terminals?

Mr. Balcer: The information I have is that this would involve an expense of close to \$300,000. I also understand that the experience with these walks has not been a very happy one. Before we do anything along this line we must make sure that we have the type of facility that will really render good service to the public and at the same time will not involve too heavy a burden on the taxpayers.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillington): I should like to address a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In the case of persons who have vaccination certificates and are simply in transit, would it not be possible to have them checked right on the aircraft and only require those persons who do not have certificates to disembark?

Mr. Monteith (Perth): I am going to look into this particular case and one or two other complaints I have had along this line and examine them very carefully.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

THE CENSUS

BROADVIEW RIDING—POLITICAL AFFILIATION OF COMMISSIONERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Can the minister tell us whether the four ladies appointed census commissioners in Broadview riding, and who are members of the Broadview-Riverdale women's Progressive Conservative Association have husbands and whether these men are gainfully employed?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, some have and some have not.

Mr. Garland: Would the minister answer the important balance of the question?

Mr. Hees: I did not notice that there was any important balance of the question.

Mr. Garland: It may not be important to the minister, but it is important to national employment.

(Translation):

SHIPPING

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER—PROPOSED YEAR ROUND OPERATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Pit Lessard (St. Henry): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Has the government received representations from the provincial government in Quebec concerning the possibility of keeping the St. Lawrence open for shipping on a year-round basis, and could the minister indicate what is the position of the federal government in this regard?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I do not recall having received any such communication from the provincial government in Quebec.

However, with regard to the second part of the hon. member's question, may I say that the Department of Transport is interested in any suggestion or any study that could lead to an improvement of shipping in Canada.

TRANSPORT

SOULANGES CANAL—LETTER FROM MEMBER FOR VAUDREUIL-SOULANGES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Labelle): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.