

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Later:]

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether it is the intention of the government to propose another law of the sea conference to resolve the international differences in respect of the 12 mile limit.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as my hon. friend knows, co-ordinates with regard to the base line system have been established in some sections of eastern Canada. In order to proceed with other base lines in other parts of Canada we are now giving consideration as to whether some further conference arrangements might assist us in meeting some of the resistance we have been experiencing in our negotiations with particular countries.

FINANCE

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORT ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, in view of the resignation of the President of the Privy Council announced yesterday, will the Prime Minister advise the house which member of the cabinet is responsible for the application of the Watkins report?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): All of them.

[Later:]

Mr. Hees: I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is it his intention to place the Watkins report under the administrative responsibility of a minister, and if so which minister?

Mr. Pearson: I will assume that responsibility myself.

Mr. Hees: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Prime Minister expect to make an announcement in the near future with regard to replacements for the portfolios of President of the Privy Council and Minister of Trade and Commerce?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

TRANSPORT

SECOND FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW ENGLAND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. O. Bower (Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the

Minister of Transport whether his department has received representations to the effect that a Swedish ferry company is prepared to put up some \$500,000 for the establishment of a test run this summer of a ferry supplement to the *Bluenose* between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, the Swedish interest having a—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I should think that question should be placed on the order paper.

[Translation]

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ARDA—ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN LASARRE AND JAMES BAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the hon. Minister of Forestry and Rural Development as the minister responsible for the administration of ARDA.

Has he received recently from the Quebec provincial authorities requests for assistance with a view to the construction of a road from LaSarre to James Bay?

Mr. Speaker: This question should be put on the order paper.

[English]

POLLUTION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT ACTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, in view of the major increase in inspections for pollution control proposed yesterday by President Johnson in the United States, has the Canadian government given further consideration to stepping up its anti-pollution measures?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, we are doing our best. There are many things possible in the United States which are not possible in Canada. The constitutional system, for one, has something to do with this.

Mr. Aiken: I should like to ask the minister whether the United States has made any additional proposals to Canada respecting international waters as a result of this latest move.

Mr. Pepin: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, but we are keeping close contact