

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**TORONTO—SECURITY FENCE TO PROTECT
MARSHALLING YARDS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Does the government intend to insist that the Canadian National Railways fulfil the promise allegedly made by its president, Mr. Donald Gordon, that there would be no level crossings and that a security fence would be erected in built-up areas adjacent to the access line to the new marshalling yards in Vaughan township north of Toronto?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): I am quite sure that any undertakings given by Mr. Gordon in this connection will be carried out.

(Translation):

TRANSPORTSOULANGES CANAL—INQUIRY AS TO TRANSFER TO
QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Azellus Denis (St. Denis): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

To questions asked yesterday and the day before by the hon. member for Vaudreuil-Soulanges (Mr. Bourbonnais), the minister replied that the province of Quebec had not yet given an answer to the offer made by the federal government concerning the Soulanges canal.

Here is my question. Should no reply to this offer be received from the province of Quebec within a reasonable time, would the Minister of Transport consider an offer from the Sulphur Converting Corporation?

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member's question is a little too hypothetical to be urgent.

HOUSE OF COMMONSSESSIONAL EMPLOYEES—CONSIDERATION OF
GOOD FRIDAY AS HOLIDAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the house leader, and through him Your Honour, whether consideration can be given to the establishment of Good Friday as a holiday with pay for those sessional employees who are now on the staff of the House of Commons and who have not had any holiday this session. Could Good Friday be classed as a holiday for them, as it is for other civil servants?

[Mr. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace).]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member might take the matter up with the Speaker at an early opportunity.

DEFENCE PRODUCTIONPITTSBURGH TOWNSHIP—DECLARATION OF LAND
AS SURPLUS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Defence Production. Has any part of lots 15, 16 or 17, concession 1, in the township of Pittsburgh, west of the Great Catarqui river, been declared surplus by the federal government during the twenty-fourth parliament? If so, has it been disposed of, to whom has it been sold, and what were the details of the sale and the price?

Hon. Raymond O'Hurley (Minister of Defence Production): The hon. member gave me notice of this question, and during the short period of time I had at my disposal today to make inquiries of the crown disposal corporation I have not discovered any record of any such request having been made in this regard.

Mr. Hellyer: Would the minister inquire further and, should he have any information, give it to me privately?

Mr. O'Hurley: I shall make further inquiries.

WAYS AND MEANS

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Martineau in the chair.

The Chairman: The committee has before it for consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1962, the sum of \$138,416,981, be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Shall the resolution carry?

Mr. Regier: I want to thank the other members of the New Democratic party who have again asked me to be their spokesman on this particular occasion. There is some honour, loyalty and appreciation of each other in our group, and I wish to say that I am proud of each of the seven other members in our group.

It used to be said that there was honour even among thieves, but I am dismayed to note that the Liberal party cannot even be classed in that category. I have noted with dismay the absence of the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River in recent days. He has been re-elected to this house on many occasions as a Liberal-Labour member and has