

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Later:]

**Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry arising out of his reply to the carefully rehearsed, spontaneous question put to him by the member for Essex West. Could the minister indicate to the house the extent to which United States authorities are involved in the plan to change the importing of automotive parts, particularly in view of the published threats of retaliation in some form by Secretary Hodges? Could he indicate the degree of involvement of United States authorities in his plans and whether subsequent meetings are going to be held to discuss the plans with them?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, at the recent ministerial conference in Washington with the United States authorities an outline was given to the United States representatives of Canada's intentions in regard to redressing our imbalance of payments without, however, disclosing any specific plan to do this. The measures that the government of Canada has in mind to accomplish this purpose would in no way invalidate or go against our agreements, either specifically with the United States or under the general agreement on tariffs and trade. Consequently in the completion of these plans it would not be necessary to involve the United States administration at all. We would, however, welcome their co-operation and will seek to keep them informed of the steps we contemplate.

**STORMS**

QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Gerard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Would the hon. gentleman tell us if the government of Quebec has addressed a request for financial assistance to the federal government in order to help the victims of last June in Abitibi West?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge, the answer is no.

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**HARBOURS**

COAL HARBOUR, B.C.—LEASES OF WATER LOTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Arnold Webster (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. What commitments have

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been made by the federal government through the national harbours board in respect of long term leases of water lots in Coal Harbour in Vancouver to Coal Harbour Investments Limited, who are planning a comprehensive scheme of development at the entrance to Burrard inlet?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport):** To check the files in order to see precisely what commitments or leases have been entered upon would require detailed research work, and I should think that a question of this type should be put on the order paper. I shall be glad to get the information if the question is put on the order paper.

**WORLD FAIR**

INQUIRY AS TO SITE AND COMPLETION DATE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. Minister of Public Works a question? In order to stop the rumors which are spreading, would the hon. minister state in the house whether the world fair will be definitely held in Montreal, on St. Helen's island and on the set date in 1967?

**Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I think that the recent statements of the commissioner responsible for the world fair and of his assistant would answer the hon. member's question.

However, I may add, with regard to the world fair site, that there is no doubt at this time that the site will be handed over to the World Fair Corporation not only in time, but before the date provided.

With regard to the approaches, they will, but for a major impediment, also be completed in good time for the world fair.

**Mr. Pigeon:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question? Following his statement regarding roads, would the hon. minister tell us whether those approaches include the trans-Canada highway leading to the world fair site?

**Mr. Deschatelets:** Mr. Speaker, when the three-way agreement was concluded about a month ago in Montreal, between the Minister of Public Works, the provincial government and the authorities of the city of Montreal, it was understood that the eastern section of the trans-Canada highway from Montreal would not be completed in time for 1967. The efforts of the three governments will bear on the western section which extends from Decarie boulevard to St. Helen's and Notre Dame islands, and which is recognized as the vital one for the fair.