WATER RESOURCES

INQUIRY AS TO MEETING WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister inform the house when meetings of representatives of Canada and the United States on problems surrounding the development of the Columbia and other international rivers will commence in Washington?

Hon. Jean Lesage (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Sir, the meeting has been arranged to take place in Washington on May 20.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

STATEMENT ON FUELING AND REPAIRS OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES AT PORT HURON

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, some days ago the hon. member for Lambton West asked a question concerning the fueling of diesel locomotives of the Canadian National Railways. I would like to say that I made inquiries of the management of the railway company, and am informed that Port Huron is used as a fueling point for diesel locomotives because facilities are available there to provide fuel direct to the locomotives when on the main track. Of course the hon. member would appreciate that no additional staff is required in connection with this servicing operation.

Mr. J. W. Murphy (Lambton West): Mr. Speaker, the minister did not answer the other part of my question and I wonder if he would take notice of that. I have reference to the servicing or what they call "dieselizing" of these particular trains or units.

Mr. Marler: Well, Mr. Speaker, on April 2 the hon. member spoke about "tooling" and "dieselizing" and then on the following day he corrected his question to make it read "fueling" rather than "tooling"; but for the life of me I do not know what he means by "dieselizing".

Mr. Murphy (Lambton West): Well, perhaps I should make it a little less ambiguous. I suggest that the minister interpret the word "dieselizing" as meaning servicing.

Mr. Marler: Well, Mr. Speaker, I will try within the limited time here to see if I can "service" the hon. gentleman's question.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Murphy (Lambton West): That would be rather hopeless, I think.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

ALLEGED DISTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL BROCHURE TO RECIPIENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. M. Nicholson (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Did the minister authorize the sending of the travel brochure I hold in my hand, printed in English and in French, to Canadian old age pensioners, containing pictures of a Viscount, an ocean liner, the Super Continental and a new car, inquiring if they plan a trip to Europe or the United States this year? If so, how does the minister think those in receipt of old age pensions could travel by these various means on the \$46 a month they receive?

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I know nothing about the so-called insert, which I will look into. As to whether or not individuals could take advantage of a voyage such as my hon. friend mentions, I can only point out that obviously that could not be done unless in addition to the provision by the federal government the provinces likewise recognized that they had responsibilities in this regard.

Mr. Knowles: Is any province that "liberal"?

NATIONAL REVENUE

QUEBEC—REPORTED BAN ON CIRCULATION OF U.S. MAGAZINES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue. Has the minister's attention been called to a report in this morning's Montreal *Gazette* which reads as follows:

Federal customs officers at Montreal airport at Dorval are enforcing a provincial ban on the circulation of certain United States magazines in the province of Quebec, despite the fact the magazines enter Canada freely by mail, and are sold in other provinces.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Hon. J. J. McCann (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the article in the *Gazette*, but after I have read it I will be in a position to bring the hon. gentleman an answer.