

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****CLEANING OF CARS—INQUIRY AS TO HAVING WORK DONE BY TENDER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. O. White (Middlesex East): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is it the intention of the Canadian National Railways to let by tender the cleaning of passenger cars in each of the cities where that type of work is done, instead of having it done by the regular employees of the Canadian National Railways?

Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport): If the hon. gentleman would care to put that question on the order paper I will endeavour to obtain an answer from the Canadian National Railways.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**STATEMENT ON SHOOTING OF CANADIAN SEAMAN AT HAWAII**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Paul Hellyer (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence): On July 24, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Comox-Alberni asked a question concerning a shooting incident which occurred recently in Hawaii. The commanding officer of H.M.C.S. *Crescent* reports that able seaman I. W. Thompson was shot and seriously injured by a United States marine corps private in civilian clothes, who was attempting to rob him during a car ride that this Canadian seaman had accepted from Honolulu to Pearl Harbor.

The bullet lodged close to Thompson's spine, resulting in partial paralysis of the lower limbs; but medical authorities at Tripler hospital, where he is under treatment, consider this a temporary condition and there is every hope that he will make a complete recovery. Criminal charges are being prepared against his assailant by the United States police authorities in Honolulu. I might add that seaman Thompson's interests are being looked after by the British consul in Hawaii.

WINNIPEG—ALLEGED LOW FLYING OF R.C.A.F. PLANES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Defence, and ask him whether he has yet received a report concerning the alleged low flying of R.C.A.F. planes over the cities of Winnipeg and St. James? This has become a weekly question that I put to the department.

[Mr. Howe (Port Arthur).]

Mr. Paul Hellyer (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence): I have not yet received the report, Mr. Speaker, but I shall make inquiries and try to have an answer for the hon. gentleman within a day or two.

Mr. Churchill: That is what the minister said last week.

PARLIAMENT HILL**PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN LIBRARY AREA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George H. Hees (Broadview): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Is the minister aware that the height of the weeds in the jungle which his department is cultivating to the north of the parliament buildings has now reached about three feet, and they are doing nicely?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): I wish to thank the hon. member for the information on the subject.

POWER**PASSAMAQUODDY PROJECT—STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT SURVEY**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yesterday the hon. member for Charlotte asked me, as he has asked me previously, whether I could report on the proposed reference to the international joint commission concerning the Passamaquoddy tidal power project. I can now announce, Mr. Speaker, that the governments of Canada and the United States have agreed upon the text of a joint reference to the commission on this subject. The reference was delivered to the commission this morning in Ottawa.

Hon. members will recall that in 1948 a joint reference was submitted to the commission by Canada and the United States for the purpose of carrying out a preliminary investigation to ascertain the scope and probable cost of a full scale investigation of the Passamaquoddy tidal power project. Based upon the report submitted by the commission in 1950, the governments of Canada and the United States have agreed, as previously announced in this house, to submit a reference on this matter. The terms of that reference are being made public this morning in Washington and in Ottawa.

Mr. A. J. Brooks (Royal): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs with reference to the statement he has made. Has the agreement that has been reached by