

Inquiries of the Ministry

whether the government has chosen the experts who are to give the final advice or who are to report on the South Saskatchewan river project.

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture): The recommendations of personnel which I have made are under consideration by the government.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—QUESTION AS TO DISCUSSION OF REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gordon Graydon (Peel): I should like to ask a question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has he any idea when he will find it convenient to arrange for a debate arising out of the report of the standing committee on external affairs? I know the house is anxious to meet his convenience in the matter.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I hope we shall be able to discuss that report when my estimates are called on Friday of this week.

NEWSPRINT**QUESTION AS TO INTERNAL SUPPLY AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce if today, or some time soon, he will make a statement on the newsprint situation, dealing not only with the international aspect of the matter but with the internal supply situation as well?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I expect that the estimates of the Department of Trade and Commerce will be called tomorrow, and I can make a statement at that time.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN**PORTUGAL COVE, NFLD., WHARF**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. F. Higgins (St. John's East): May I ask the Minister of Public Works if he has received the consent of the premier of Newfoundland to the tabling of the correspondence and other documents referred to in a motion for the production of papers passed on May 14?

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works): If it has been received in the department, I have not seen it. I shall attend to the matter immediately.

[Mr. Coldwell.]

TOBACCO**CANADIAN REPRESENTATION AT FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE AT AMSTERDAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. B. Huffman (Kent, Ont.): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, or to the department concerned. In view of the revenue the government derives from the tobacco industry, and the need for an export market to stabilize the industry, can the minister indicate whether Canada will be represented at the first world tobacco congress to be held at Amsterdam in the latter part of September of this year?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I received notice of this question only since coming to the house this morning. The government is well aware of the need of the tobacco industry for an export outlet. I can tell my hon. friend that negotiations are under way which it is believed will add considerably to Canadian exports to the United Kingdom during the current year. As to attendance at Amsterdam, I shall be glad to consult my staff, and also the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson), and give my hon. friend an answer later.

PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION**AMENDMENT OF ACT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT AND SUPERANNUATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, ETC.**

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act to provide for the appointment and superannuation of certain officers and employees necessary for carrying out the provisions of the act, and to provide further that no projects involving an expenditure in excess of ten thousand dollars shall be undertaken without the consent of the governor in council.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Dion in the chair.

Mr. Argue: Mr. Chairman, will the Minister of Agriculture explain what is involved in this amendment?

Mr. Gardiner: The committee will recall that when the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act was passed in 1935 it was for a limited period of five years. When the act was amended in 1936 it continued the effect of the legislation indefinitely without a named period. The section having to do with appointments was left as it was in the 1935 act,