

Inquiries of the Ministry

respecting the maximum storage and handling rates for grain authorized by the board for each crop year. Similar meetings are held each year at Winnipeg and at an easterly point, as well as in Vancouver in the month of July.

The authorized maximum rates are established each year by the board under the authority of section 15 of the Canada Grain Act. Every regulation established by the board must, by section 17 of the act, be transmitted to the minister and the same section provides that the regulation may be disallowed by the governor in council.

I might add that there has been no substantial increase over the past few years, or at least the increases have been very small.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO SETTING UP OF COURT OF CLAIMS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, on May 28 my colleague the hon. member for Comox-Alberni asked the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration what steps were being taken to introduce a measure to establish a court of Indian claims, which subject matter had been introduced during the speech from the throne. At that time the minister answered the matter was under consideration. I wonder if he could tell us whether or not that consideration has been completed and when we might expect the bill to be introduced?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): In reply to this question I must say that the question of what system or what device ought to be established, whether an Indian claims commission or other, for the eventual settlement of these claims is one of government policy which will be announced in due course.

Mr. Howard: May I ask a supplementary question? How does the minister square this statement with the Liberal party's promise to do it immediately?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member knows quite well that is not a proper question to ask.

(Translation):

PUBLIC WORKS**FORESTVILLE, QUE.—DESTRUCTION OF WHARF BY FIRE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gustave Blouin (Saguenay): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works.

Is the minister aware of the fact that Sunday night, June 9, the Forestville wharf was destroyed by fire?

Since the wharf in that locality is vital to the supplying of the population, what urgent action does the minister intend to take in order to cope with that serious and urgent problem?

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, my attention was called to that fire and I must say that I regret, with my hon. friend, the disadvantages this disaster will cause to the citizens of Forestville. I asked our Quebec office to dispatch an engineer to that locality immediately. As soon as we get his report, proper action will be taken to meet the needs created by that serious fire.

(Text):

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

(Translation):

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES**INQUIRY AS TO CABINET COMMITTEE ON BICULTURALISM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the President of the Privy Council a question.

In view of the announcement made a few moments ago with regard to the formation of a cabinet committee to study the biculturalism situation in the federal administration, for which I indeed commend him, would the minister tell us who will be the other ministers sitting on that committee?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that it is in the parliamentary tradition to reveal the names of the members of the cabinet council on such a committee. I shall inform myself further and, if need be, I shall answer later.

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question. Can the minister tell us whether he and his committee will also accept suggestions and information from other hon. members of the house?

Mr. Lamontagne: I shall always be happy, Mr. Speaker, to hear any recommendation from the "Gregoire commission".

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask another supplementary question. Will that committee also have jurisdiction with regard to the crown corporations?

Mr. Lamontagne: As I mentioned in my statement, crown corporations will be included.