

Inquiries of the Ministry

presented to the corporation, and in due time the most intelligent decision possible will be made.

Some hon. Members: Read it.

Mr. Speaker: Has the minister leave to table this document?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Pickersgill: I wonder if the minister would have it made an appendix to *Hansard*?

Mr. Nowlan: With the unanimous consent of the house.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Can the minister tell the house whether or not the national energy board has now made its report to the cabinet with its recommendations concerning the export of natural gas.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I have nothing further to add to the answers I have been giving to similar questions.

Mr. Argue: Is the minister still of the opinion that the decision of the government on this important question will be announced by the end of this month?

Mr. Churchill: I have not said that at any time. I said the report would be received and a decision reached before the end of this month.

Mr. Argue: When a decision is reached, will it be made public?

Mr. Churchill: The government will announce all matters of policy in due course.

NATIONAL REVENUE**NEWFOUNDLAND—REPORTED LOSS OF INCOME TAX REFUND APPLICATIONS**

On the orders of day:

Mr. Azellus Denis (St. Denis): May I direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Is the minister aware of the loss of a mail bag containing several hundred applications for refunds on 1958 income tax returns between St. John's, Newfoundland and Ottawa? If so, will he see to it in consultation with the Postmaster General that there is no undue delay about making the proper reimbursement for the people of Newfoundland?

[Mr. Nowlan.]

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): I have not seen the report to which the hon. member refers. I will check on the matter. As I recall it, the hon. member said these were returns for 1958 rather than for 1959—

Some hon. Members: For refunds.

INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS**EAST SAINT JOHN THERMAL PLANT, N.B.—ATLANTIC PROVINCES—NATURAL RESOURCE PROCESSING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Secretary of State. Can the minister inform the house why there is such a delay in tabling the documents and exchange of correspondence on the East Saint John thermal plant, as covered by motion No. 9 passed by this house on February 3, some 56 days ago?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Acting Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am sure there is a very good reason for this delay. This will be tabled as soon as possible.

Mr. Robichaud: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister not know that permission was obtained from the government of New Brunswick over a month ago?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): Mr. Speaker, while these questions are being asked could I ask the Acting Secretary of State what progress he is making with respect to a return passed by this house pursuant to a question I asked on July 1, 1959, and with respect to which I have already asked him questions more than once in the house?

Mr. Balcer: I am looking it over, Mr. Speaker.

(Translation):

PUBLIC SERVICE**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF QUEEN'S PRINTER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alexis Caron (Hull): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Acting Secretary of State a question?

Could he tell us if we can look forward to the appointment of a queen's printer in the near future?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Acting Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, that is a matter of government general policy, and when an appointment is made, the house will be informed.