

Public Service

hope that it might be possible for the Queen to prorogue this session of the House of Commons.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): May I be permitted to ask the Prime Minister a question arising out of the statement he has just made. Has the Prime Minister or the committee appointed for the royal visit yet decided where the official opening of the St. Lawrence seaway will take place?

Mr. Diefenbaker: I think the hon. member's question will receive an answer when the committee reports next week and the itinerary is brought before the house.

PUBLIC SERVICE

TABLING OF REPORT OF CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table two copies in English of the report of the civil service commission of Canada entitled "Personnel Administration of the Public Service". You will recall that Mr. St. Laurent, the former prime minister, suggested that there be this investigation. Mr. Arnold Heeney as chairman of the commission and Miss R. E. Addison and Mr. Paul Pelletier as members undertook a study of the many complex problems in connection with civil service administration. They were also directed to make such recommendations as they deemed fit so that the legislation, which has to all intents and purposes been in effect since 1919 when introduced by Sir Robert Borden, could be brought up to date, removing anomalous sections, if there be such. In general they were asked to make such recommendations as would generally be beneficial in assuring and maintaining the capacity and ability to serve of the civil service. Whatever may be the views with regard to the recommendations made, I am sure that everyone in the house will want to pay tribute to the commission for the work it has done and for the long hours and the devoted attention given by the members of this commission to this very intricate subject.

I am also tabling two copies in mimeographed form of the French translation of the report. This French translation, however, does not contain the appendices shown in the printed copy in English. The printed copies in French containing the report and the appendices will be available from the queen's printer in about two weeks' time and will then be placed before the house. In view of the interest in this subject, however, I thought it well that the recommendations be made available to hon. mem-

[Mr. Argue.]

bers of this house. The appendices are merely an amplification in general of the principles and recommendations enunciated in the report. I should like to mention that copies of the report will be placed in the members' mail this afternoon.

FINANCE

"CANADIAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR 1958"—
REQUEST FOR TABLING

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister when he proposes to table, as promised, the report entitled "Canadian Economic Outlook for 1958"?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I seem to recall, Mr. Speaker, that an application or a motion was made by the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillington (Mr. Pickersgill) at the last session, and through his actions this matter was relegated to a position that denied further discussion. At that time I undertook to make the report available. I find that there is now a motion on the order paper. When that motion comes before the house I hope the consideration asked for will receive the approval of the house.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillington): Mr. Speaker, I did not wish to interrupt the Prime Minister, but I rise on a question of privilege. The Prime Minister said that action of mine had prevented consideration. I put on the order paper a motion that was not debatable and I took the only course possible to make it debatable.

[Later:]

Mr. Diefenbaker: A moment ago the Leader of the Opposition asked me a question respecting the "Canadian Economic Outlook for 1958". I find, sir, that the motions are not far enough in hand to enable my hon. friends to have that economic report for this debate.

I undertook on June 18, 1958 that it would be produced immediately after the year end, and again on August 5, that the report would be produced immediately after the end of the year. The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Churchill) has given instructions that it be tabled today.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CUBA—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON
REPORTED EXECUTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he is prepared to make any statement or comment on disturbing reports of a