

Inquiries of the Ministry

DIRECTIVES FROM MINISTER OF FORESTRY

Motion No. 75—Mr. Jorgenson:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all directives, changes in regulations and authorization for expenditures from the Minister of Forestry from the period February 3, 1964 to March 13, 1964.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I have agreed to withdraw motions Nos. 75 and 76 pending the investigation in accordance with the promise made to the house by the Minister of Transport.

Mr. Speaker: Then motions Nos. 75 and 76 are withdrawn.

Orders discharged and motions withdrawn.

R.C.M.P. SPACE IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
TERRACE, B.C.**Motion No. 86—Mr. Howard:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all observations and reports concerning space or the location thereof for the R.C.M. Police as referred to in the answer given to question No. 300 of the present session of parliament.

Mr. Favreau: May I ask that this motion stand so that I can look into the matter further?

Motion stands.

PRIVILEGE

MR. PIGEON—REPLY BY JUSTICE MINISTER TO
ORAL QUESTION

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege, following a question I put yesterday to the Minister of Justice. In this respect I refer to page 1600 of *Hansard*, and I quote:

Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Is the selection of lawyers acting for certain crown corporations based on political considerations?

And the minister's answer was:

The answer is no, Mr. Speaker.

The minister deceived the house and considered members as April's fools, since he makes a selection as regards lawyers and notaries acting for the government.

It seems to me that he favours only those who are recommended by Liberal members and defeated Liberal candidates.

The minister has what I call a patronage list.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am of the opinion that the question of privilege of the hon. member

[Mr. Langlois.]

was out of order, since in view of its purpose it should have been raised this morning rather than yesterday.

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, this morning we did not sit.

An hon. Member: April's fool.

[Text]

LABOUR RELATIONS

GREAT LAKES—POSTPONEMENT OF SAILING OF
SHIP "JOHN ERICSSON"

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I would ask the Minister of Labour whether he is in a position to explain the postponement of the sailing of the Upper Lakes vessel *John Ericsson*, which I understand is one of the ships boycotted by the longshoremen in Chicago last year. Does this action indicate that the difficulties of last year on the great lakes are approaching settlement?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): I would hope that the thought expressed in the right hon. gentleman's final sentence is correct. The decision on the part of the Upper Lakes Shipping Company not to send the *Ericsson* into Chicago at this time is a decision made by the company, likely in the interests of creating a favourable atmosphere at the present time.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I take it from the minister's answer that this was not a decision which was determined by the direction or suggestion of the trustees?

Mr. MacEachen: I can tell the right hon. gentleman that the trustees have been anxious to work out a solution to the harassment on the great lakes in parts of the United States, and I think it would be correct to say that they may have expressed their concern to the president of Upper Lakes Shipping on this particular point.

EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE

INQUIRIES AS TO ASSISTANCE TO BRITISH
COLUMBIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I know that any decision by the federal government to give aid toward rehabilitating the people in the Alberni valley depends on an application being received from the government of British Columbia. However, in view of the fact that the people in that area and a committee headed by two mayors, of which the honorary president is the lieutenant