POWER

COLUMBIA RIVER—EFFECT OF B.C. ELECTION RESULT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gerard Perron (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the hon. member for Kootenay West, who would undoubtedly have asked the question himself, I will put it to the Prime Minister.

Does he think that the result of yesterday's election in British Columbia will hasten the final agreement on the harnessing of the Columbia river?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I hope that the speed of these negotiations will not depend on political considerations of the kind mentioned by my hon. friend.

PASSAMAQUODDY—INQUIRY AS TO PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Is the Prime Minister in a position to provide the house with further details of the talks between Canada and the United States relating to the development of the Passamaquoddy tidal power?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, not at this moment, but if the hon. gentleman will put his question on the order paper I will be glad to look into it.

SHIPPING

COASTAL TRADE—INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION THIS SESSION

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. P. Antoine Belanger (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

Does his department intend to amend the Canada Shipping Act, with a view to limit coastal shipping strictly to ships built and registered in Canada?

[Text]

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): I am sorry, but it is not possible to reveal the contents of proposed legislation in advance. The government's decision on that matter will be announced in due course.

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Inquiries of the Ministry CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REPORTED REACTION OF DIRECTORS TO REAPPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temiscamingue): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Has he received any indication that several members of the board of directors of Canadian National might resign if Donald Gordon is reappointed and that several others might resign if he is not reappointed?

HOUSE OF COMMONS

WELCOME TO MEMBER FOR SASKATOON ON RETURN TO HOUSE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, with your permission, and on behalf of all members of the house, I should like to welcome back into our midst our very valuable member from Saskatoon.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. H. F. Jones (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, through you I would like to thank the members of the house for their kindness during my recent illness, and I must say I am pleased indeed to be back here and to have been successful in avoiding the necessity of a byelection.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I was rising to answer a question, but before doing so I would like to say that from this side of the house we warmly join in what was said by the hon. member for Grey-Bruce.

INQUIRY AS TO TRANSLATION OF WORK
BY BEAUCHESNE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Real Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Could the minister inform the house whether any progress is being made at present on the translation of Beauchesne into French?

[Text]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I do not know that I have any information on this subject but I will be glad to make inquiries and find out. I should perhaps remind hon. members that Beauchesne's learned work is, after all, not an official publication.