

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. When the Acting Prime Minister is looking into what has already been said, would he also be good enough to acquaint himself with precisely what authority has been given to Mr. Keate; whether he has been asked to look into the dismissal of Watson and LaPierre and whether an order in council has been prepared or is being prepared appointing him to what position?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I would refer my hon. friend to the answer made to this and other questions, I believe, on Monday last.

FINANCE**TAX FOUNDATION REPORT ON DOMINION—PROVINCIAL FISCAL RELATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ian Watson (Châteauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance of which I have given notice. It relates to the report on federal-provincial fiscal relations prepared by the Canadian Tax Foundation for the tax structure committee. Will the minister advise the house whether the policies outlined in this report constitute government policy?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have very serious doubts that this question is so urgent that it should be answered now. The urgency is not apparent to me. However, if the minister and others have no objection, I will permit the question.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I believe the question is of some urgency. I have here the booklet referred to and it does contain statements upon which I ought to comment in order to clarify the position as quickly as possible. If you will permit me, I should like to give a short answer. If not, I will be very happy to give the information outside the house.

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the minister that the question does not appear to be the type of question which should be asked at this time.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**CURTAILMENT OF PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN LONDON AND TORONTO**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Would the minister inform the board of transport commissioners of the grave concern of

the city of Woodstock, Ont. with respect to the serious curtailment of passenger service on the Canadian National Railways between the cities of London, Woodstock and Toronto which has just taken place?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I wonder, sir, if the hon. gentleman himself would perhaps bring the matter to the attention of the board, which is a court. He could perhaps give it more details than I could.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**HOUSE BUILDING—REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF WORKERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Has the minister consulted the proposed minister of manpower with regard to the placement in other industries of those displaced from their jobs in the house building industry as the result of a lack of mortgage funds?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question is of a general nature and should not be asked at this time.

FISHERIES**LOBSTERS—OPENING OF SEASON IN DISTRICT 6B**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the fact that the lobster season in area 6B opens in two short days, and in view of the fact representations have been made to the minister with regard to a change in the schedule for the opening date, may I ask the minister if he is in a position today to provide any information on the subject?

Hon. H. J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): Yes, Mr. Speaker. In so far as district 6B and the adjoining district 6A are concerned, the hour for leaving the shore with lobster fishing gear will be advanced from 11 a.m. as it now stands to 7 a.m. standard time or 8 a.m. daylight saving time.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): On behalf of the fishermen of the area I wish to thank the minister for his good judgment and this prompt and wise decision.