

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, January 30, 1958

The house met at eleven o'clock.

### TRADE

#### LEAD AND ZINC—TABLING OF CANADIAN NOTE AND UNITED STATES REPLY

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, on January 18, as recorded at page 3455 of *Hansard*, I reported to the house the submission of a formal note on July 23, 1957, to the United States Department of State concerning the possibility of the imposition of barriers by the United States against importations of lead and zinc from Canada, and I indicated at that time that the consent of the United States administration would be sought to the tabling of the Canadian note and also the United States reply in this house.

That consent has now been obtained, and I should like, Mr. Speaker, to table now the Canadian note, No. 409, dated July 23, to which I have referred, and also a copy of the reply dated August 2 from the United States.

### BRIDGES

#### OTTAWA-HULL—REPORTED AGREEMENT BY PREMIERS OF QUEBEC AND ONTARIO

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Alexis Caron (Hull):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. We have learned from the newspapers that Premier Duplessis—

**Mr. Fleming:** Order.

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** What newspaper?

**Mr. Caron:** I have to explain to the minister if I want him to understand my question. I understand that Premier Duplessis in answer to a question asked by the provincial member of parliament for Hull said he was now ready to share in the cost of building a new bridge. The *Ottawa Journal* called Mr. Dunbar, who said that the provincial government of Ontario is also ready. Here is my question—

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Where is Hull?

**An hon. Member:** You should know.

**Mr. Caron:** Will the minister now take the lead so we may have this bridge as soon as possible?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, I read this dispatch myself but there has been no further information given to the department. However, I will look into the situation right away.

**Mr. Hugh Proudfoot (Pontiac-Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. Will the Minister of Public Works take the initiative in this instance as the former prime minister did with regard to the Allumette Island bridge?

**Mr. Green:** Mr. Speaker, we look into all these questions.

**Mr. Sinclair:** Looking into and doing are quite different.

**Mr. Lesage:** It is doing that counts.

**Mr. Green:** And I might add that we take action a whole lot faster than the former government did.

### COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

#### WEST INDIES AND GHANA—ARRANGEMENTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could have permission to make a statement which I intended to make earlier. I was inattentive a few moments ago when we were dealing with motions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that the house revert to motions for the purpose of the minister making his statement?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Smith (Hastings-Frontenac):** Mr. Speaker, I desire to inform the house that arrangements are now going forward on an interim basis to provide some Canadian technical assistance to Ghana and the West Indies. Hon. members may have noticed that an item providing sums for this purpose has been included in the final supplementary estimates.

It will be recalled that on January 23 the Prime Minister, in reply to a question asked by the hon. member for Assiniboia, stated that the government hoped to be able to announce what steps it was proposed to take to give immediate evidence of Canada's willingness to help the West Indies. The Prime Minister also stated that consideration had been given to longer term measures of assistance as well. This item in the estimates