

*Inquiries of the Ministry***COMBINES**

DRUGS—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Last January 30 I asked the minister if he had received any indication as to when the restrictive trade practices commission would report in respect of its inquiry relating to the manufacture, distribution and sale of drugs. The minister replied as follows:

No, Mr. Speaker, I have not a report or any definite indication. However, I can assure the hon. member that in discussions I have received clear assurance that this inquiry is being pursued with all possible dispatch.

I wonder if the minister is now in a position to report to the house in connection with this matter.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): No, Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to add anything to what I said at that time. I have made inquiries from time to time, and there is a good deal of further work and analysis required to be made of the evidence that was taken. All I can say is that the commission is proceeding with all appropriate dispatch, but hon. members must recognize that this is a difficult and complicated task.

(Translation):

SHIPPINGRICHELIEU RIVER—PROVISION FOR
PLEASURE CRAFT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Johnson (Chambly-Rouville): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Last Monday evening the minister made a statement which was reported as follows on page 14 of the *Nouveau Journal* for Tuesday, March 21:

As early as this spring, we will carry out a study of the problems of boating on the rivi re des Prairies.

Also according to the same newspaper, the minister added later on:

The time has come for the government to establish certain regulations and carry out the necessary work so that people may enjoy that sport in all safety.

Could the minister inform the house whether that project would also include the Richelieu river, especially in Beloeil, Chambly and St. John, where boating clubs are very important, not only in regard to boating but also as tourist attractions?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, with regards to navigation, the section of the Richelieu river mentioned by

[Mr. Fulton.]

my hon. friend is very different from the rivi re des Prairies and rivi re des Mille Iles. However, I shall be pleased to look into his request and, if possible, to comply with it.

(Text):

INDUSTRYNEW BRUNSWICK—PERMISSION TO PUMP OUT
MINE SHAFT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Minister of Fisheries): Yesterday the hon. member for Gloucester asked me a question which I took as notice. I now have an answer for him.

The Fisheries Act prohibits the discharge of any deleterious substance into waters frequented by fish. Since there are substantial quantities of heavy metal compounds such as copper, zinc and lead in the water from the abandoned mine shaft of the Brunswick Mining and Smelting Corporation, there is no doubt that this water would be deleterious. Officials of the Department of Fisheries are at the moment co-operating with the corporation in an effort to devise a method of disposal or treatment which will avoid any infraction of the act.

THE ROYAL FAMILYTHE QUEEN MOTHER—REQUEST FOR DETAILS
OF CANADIAN TOUR

On the orders of the day:

Miss Judy V. LaMarsh (Niagara Falls): I have an inquiry to direct to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister give the details of the Canadian tour of the Queen Mother, which has been announced for June?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to give the house that information any time I have it before me. I will take the question as notice.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Martineau in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND
NATIONAL RESOURCES

National parks branch—

National parks and historic sites and monuments—
648. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment—further amount required, \$2,500,000.

Mr. McMillan: We seem to be getting more and more supplementary estimates all the time, and I do not know how we are going to get the money to meet them. However, I think we should be trying to cut down our expenses. The government promised to cut