

Inquiries of the Ministry

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

INQUIRY AS TO DIVISION OF RESOLUTION

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister?

Does the government intend to divide the resolution on the two anthems: "O Canada" and the royal anthem, as it has been done for the two flags?

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Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

Mr. Pigeon: A supplementary question—

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Mr. Speaker: I cannot see any possible supplementary after a "no" answer.

[Translation]

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I ask you this question.

Do you intend to divide the resolution on the two national anthems, "O Canada" and the royal anthem, as you did for the two flags?

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Mr. Speaker: It gives me pleasure to rule that question out of order.

Mr. Pigeon: May I discuss it after ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

SHIPPING

MONTREAL—FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN STUDY OF WATER LEVEL

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Prime Minister?

Last Monday, June 15, as reported on page 4291 of *Hansard*, I asked the Prime Minister whether the federal government would be represented at the meeting to be held on June 30 next to study the critical situation of the water level in the port of Montreal. Can the Prime Minister give us an answer today?

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Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. I apologize to the hon.

gentleman, and will try and get an answer tomorrow.

EFFECT OF LOW WATER LEVEL IN GEORGIAN BAY AND LAKE HURON

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Loney (Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister give immediate consideration to the communication he has received from the Georgian bay development association with regard to the current low water levels in the lake Huron and Georgian bay area?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, apparently this is a much more urgent matter than the matter of getting freight to Newfoundland, but I am glad to tell the hon. gentleman that I have been giving urgent consideration to this matter for many months.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I object to the slur that was just cast on the Chair.

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister would withdraw this slur on the Chair.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, if I said anything that was disrespectful to anyone I apologize at once.

Mr. Speaker: I hasten to assure the minister that I did not hear him.

Mr. Loney: A supplementary question. Could I ask the Minister of Transport if he is aware that this communication refers to a letter written to the Prime Minister on April 28 which as of June 16 was unanswered?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with all the Prime Minister's correspondence but I will look into the matter and consult with his office. However, I can assure hon. members that there is no member of the house more concerned about the levels of Georgian bay and lake Huron than my right hon. friend the Prime Minister, who represents in this house a very large part of that area.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I wonder whether the minister would indicate to the house whether he has any objection to sign stealing here in the house and, if so would he camouflage his signs a little more.