

Inquiries of the Ministry

of the mission and the plans that are being made to continue the good work that was done in the United Kingdom. Perhaps by that time we will have information as to the cost of the mission.

Mr. Henderson: Surely the minister must have the cost to date of taking the 50 members of the mission to Britain and back.

Mr. Speaker: Order. That is scarcely a supplementary question.

MISSION TO UNITED KINGDOM—INQUIRY AS TO AMOUNT OF DIVERSION FROM U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): May I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is the minister able to tell us whether because of the trade mission to the United Kingdom there has been an amount of trade diverted from the United States to the United Kingdom, and if so what amount?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have no precise figures with regard to the diversion that may have taken place. Some has occurred, but there has been such interest created in the United Kingdom with regard to expanding their trade with Canada that I think we will see excellent results flowing from the work of the mission.

[*Later:*]

Mr. Chevrier: May I ask a supplementary question to one I asked earlier of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Will it be possible for him, at a later date, to give to the house in dollars and cents the amount of trade diverted from the United States to the United Kingdom?

Mr. Churchill: From time to time reports will be made with regard to our trade situation. The project which we undertook, and which proved so successful—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Churchill: —will naturally show greater benefits as time goes on. We cannot make a final judgment of the trade mission to the United Kingdom today or tomorrow or next week.

PIPE LINES

REQUEST FOR START ON LINE FROM NORTH BAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Because of the serious unemployment situation in northern Ontario, would the minister consider commencing the preliminary work on

the crown corporation section of the trans-Canada pipe line running north from North Bay to link up with the work now proceeding east from the lakehead? Work on this project would assist the unemployment situation in that area.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, arrangements were made several months ago or certainly several weeks ago with the companies undertaking to work on the five spreads of the crown corporation line to have the clearing of the land done during the winter months. It meant the employment of about 600 men. I do not have a report today as to how much of that work has been done.

Mr. Fisher: May I ask a supplementary question. As a result of the recent visit of the president of Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation to the Port Arthur area, has the minister any information on the walk-out on the pipe line there?

Mr. Churchill: The president of the crown corporation was visiting the area near Port Arthur, but I have not seen him today to get a report.

Mr. Peters: Would the minister look into the matter of starting from North Bay and proceeding with that work?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I take it that the hon. member is repeating his question.

[*Later:*]

Mr. Churchill: I should like to make a correction with regard to the question asked me by the hon. member for Timiskaming. I thought he was asking me a question about the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation portion of the trans-Canada pipe line which runs from Port Arthur to Timiskaming, but if he is discussing North Bay that has nothing to do with the crown corporation.

LIVESTOCK

REGULATIONS RESPECTING SALE THROUGH COMMISSION FIRMS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. William Bryce (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Do public market regulations permit cattle, consigned to a commission firm for sale, to be bought by the same commission firm?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, a commission merchant may negotiate a purchase of livestock consigned to his firm to fill a bona fide buying order. I presume that whether the type of order mentioned by the hon. member would