Inquiries of the Ministry CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

INQUIRY AS TO GRANTING RUNNING RIGHTS OVER THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Bryson (Humboldi-Melfort): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Transport in the absence of the minister. Is it the intention of the government to introduce a measure at the next session of parliament that will give the C.P.R. running rights over the Hudson Bay Railway, thereby facilitating the movement of grain from C.P.R. points?

Mr. L. Langlois (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transport): May I take this question as notice, Mr. Speaker?

REFERENCE TO ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PENSIONERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Has the minister any report to make on the matter having to do with certain retired employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway which was raised in this house on June 15 by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Philpott) and supported by several other members in various parties? The minister will recall that he pledged on that occasion he would do anything he could to achieve the objectives of those of us who spoke on the matter. Has he any report to make at this time?

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I recall the discussion concerning the personnel my hon. friend refers to but I have no further report than that which I made last session.

Mr. Knowles: May I ask if the minister is still working on the matter?

Mr. Gregg: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

TRANSPORT

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF CONTROLLER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Johnson (Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Transport. In his absence, perhaps the Minister of Trade and Commerce is able to supply the information. In view of the resignation of the transport controller, to be effective at the close of navigation, which will be in a very few days, can the minister announce who his successor will be or, if not, when he will be appointed?

[Mr. Campney.]

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to make that announcement but I will call the attention of the Minister of Transport to the question.

GRAIN

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST RATE ON MONEY BORROWED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Bryson (Humboldt-Melfort): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance whether he is in a position to answer the question I asked yesterday?

PIPE LINES

TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES—INQUIRY AS TO DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace): Can the Minister of Trade and Commerce inform the house whether the conversion of steel plate into the construction of oil tankers will reduce the supply available for pipe, and thus further delay the construction of the trans-Canada pipe line?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I cannot say what the pipe situation will be over the next two years, which is the time required to complete the trans-Canada pipe line. It is my understanding that the pipe for next year's work is definitely under contract and I look for no early interruption in the supply.

TRANS-MOUNTAIN LINE—REQUEST FOR STATE-MENT ON EXPLOSION AT JASPER PUMP STATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Carl O. Nickle (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the international importance of the movement of oil from North American fields to tide water at the present time, can he comment on the explosion and fire yesterday at the Jasper pump station of the Trans-Mountain pipe line in Alberta? Specifically, to what extent has this explosion curtailed the flow of oil to the Pacific coast through this line in Alberta? How long will such curtailment apply, and how soon will permanent pumping stations with greater capacity be completed at the location of this explosion?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the government has no information on the subject. Personally, I had not heard that the explosion had taken