

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): The hon. member would be under a false apprehension if he felt that nothing could be done for the requirements of the public service until the project was shown on the Greber plan and approved by the national capital planning committee. There are many projects being considered individually and being dealt with on that basis. The reference was to a general report for the planning of the national capital, looking forward for many years. Such a general report is now being considered by the national capital planning committee, and, as I stated a few moments ago, I will ask that committee to expedite its consideration of the report so that it may be brought before the house at the earliest possible moment.

WHEAT BOARD ACT

AMENDMENTS OF SESSION OF 1947-48—QUESTION OF NECESSITY FOR PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. J. Bentley (Swift Current): Will the Minister of Justice inform the house whether it is his intention to give a ruling on the need for provincial legislation to make effective the amendments to the wheat board act passed during the last session, as requested by the then premier of Manitoba?

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): The hon. member omitted to give me any notice of the question. I shall try to bring an answer down tomorrow.

IMMIGRATION

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ENTRY INTO CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Douglas G. Ross (St. Paul's): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Mines and Resources. I have not given him notice of the question, and I do not apologize for that. It seems to me there is a certain amount of misunderstanding—

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Ross (St. Paul's):—in connection with immigrants coming to Canada. What regulations are there in this regard? I have a great many letters—

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows very well that the purpose of a question is to obtain information from the ministry, not to give information.

Mr. Ross (St. Paul's): I could have put my question the other way around, but it is this: Will the minister make a statement on immigration, and give the authority under which

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the regulations are made? Will he do this in the near future, so that the people of Canada may know more about it? I want an answer.

Hon. J. A. MacKinnon (Minister of Mines and Resources): I shall be glad to look at the question of the hon. member. There will be opportunities for giving the information for which the hon. member has asked. Upon further consideration it may be deemed advisable to make a formal statement, and if that is so I shall do so.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

QUESTION AS TO SALE OF PORTIONS OF LAND PURCHASED UNDER VETERANS LAND ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Can the minister say whether consideration has been given to allowing veterans, who have bought land under the Veterans Land Act, to sell a portion of the two or more acres before the ten-year period expires which is mentioned in the agreement? If this were allowed it would permit the veteran to pay part of his indebtedness to the government. There are many veterans who need permission to do this.

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I can tell the hon. member that consideration has been given to that proposal, but it has not been decided to put it into effect.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

INQUIRY AS TO CHOICE OF ROUTE THROUGH B.C. MOUNTAIN PASS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. H. Matthews (Kootenay East): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Resources. I am sorry I was not able to send him notice of my question. Is it true that the central route through Kicking Horse pass has been definitely chosen for the Trans-Canada highway in British Columbia?

Hon. J. A. MacKinnon (Minister of Mines and Resources): I have not heard of it.

WHEAT

PAYMENTS DURING PRESENT CROP YEAR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. R. Argue (Wood Mountain): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Can he inform the house whether or not the twenty-cent advance in the price of wheat will be paid during this crop year, as announced by him and by the