

printed paper on my desk every day of every week is going to end. For how long can our forests stand this drain of wood used in the manufacture of paper? I fill several wastepaper baskets several times a week and throw out the paper which I do not want and would not order for myself in any circumstances. It clutters up our mail boxes. If we received less of this type of mail, and more legitimate mail, perhaps our postal facilities would not be so jammed and perhaps the pressure could be taken off the Postmaster General (Mr. Kierans).

If Notices of Motions requested papers which enabled hon. members to become "genned-up", perhaps we would accept them unanimously. But requests of the kind now before us, which might involve the production of many thousands of pieces of printed paper, are beyond the capacity of our present staff to fulfil. This Notice of Motion goes too far. In case anyone thinks I am here to hand out bouquets, let me say that I think we have far too large a staff as it is. We should not waste public funds and the time of public servants. We must stop this terrific waste of paper and this terrific waste of the public's time in producing a mountain of useless information. As it is, the work of the Public Accounts Committee is behind. I am perfectly certain that if the hon. member wishes to obtain this type of information, he can obtain it.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT

GUARANTEE OF REPAYMENT OF MONEYS BORROWED BY COMPANIES AND PERSONS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Marchand (Langelier) that Bill C-138, to amend the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I am sure most members who were in the House this afternoon listened with great interest to the remarks of the hon.

Cape Breton Development Corporation Act member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis) and the hon. member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys (Mr. Muir). This bill raises many questions for hon. members from other parts of the country. I had the distinction of being a miner for 15 years, and I am very sympathetic to miners in other parts of the country because there is a great similarity in the problems of the various mining communities. Many miners move from one community to another; they are probably the original transient workers of our nation.

I have been very sympathetic to the problem that has developed in Cape Breton over the years. These miners have not had the benefit of the same wages as miners in other parts of the country in the last few years, because of the position in their industry. Because of the interest of hon. members in this situation we undertook to provide the funds necessary to establish Devco, which was to end many of the problems plaguing miners in the Maritime provinces.

Some hon. members who participated in the debate a year ago said that possibly it would be better to pay all the miners in Cape Breton a pension and forget about the whole operation. They suggested that perhaps a more viable operation should be established which would provide employment for the people in that area. They felt it would probably be wise to use the money we were going to spend and pay each miner \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year until a reasonable retirement age, and close down the operation entirely. The minister of the day, when piloting the Devco legislation through the House, led us to believe that a number of things could be done with the complex in Sydney, and that Devco would not only undertake reclaiming some of the operations in the mines in that area but would expand into other fields.

We listened with interest to the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond. I learned something that I did not know; I read several letters written by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Mackasey) which indicated that this must have been contemplated at the time of the establishment of Devco, that is, the unemployment insurance fund would be used to supplement the act which stated there would be a \$3,000 retirement fund established for each miner.

I am sure that the miners as well as most Members of Parliament believed that the unemployment insurance fund would be used in a normal manner, and that the moneys we had appropriated would be in addition to this