

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

position of the strike at St. John's, Newfoundland, and if he sees any possibility of an early settlement?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour):** The mediator is still at work in St. John's, Newfoundland. It is expected that a meeting may be held tomorrow with regard to this dispute. It is a very difficult one, and I can make no assessment as to the future. As my hon. friend knows, the prospects of settlement depend upon the attitudes adopted by the parties.

**FISHERIES****REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION  
SUBSIDY TO WOODEN VESSELS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg):** The Minister of Fisheries has announced a change in the formula for the payment of assistance under the regulations covering fishing boat construction and the lowering of the minimum size for eligibility to 35 feet. Will the minister also give consideration to the payment of the same percentage of subsidy for the construction of wooden fishing trawlers 75 feet and over that is presently paid to steel fishing trawlers, thereby ending the discrimination against the wooden shipbuilding areas in Canada?

**Mr. Speaker:** Will the hon. member put this question on the order paper.

**INQUIRY FOR RETURN**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce):** I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will the minister table a return showing the number of returns to questions not yet brought down from the last session as well as from the present session?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes.

**WORLD FAIR****REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF THIRD ACCESS ROAD  
TO BRIDGE**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, to whom I have just given notice.

Has the Minister of Trade and Commerce acceded to the request of the authorities, or rather, has he accepted Mr. Lucien Saulnier's

[Mr. Tucker.]

suggestion that another approach to the Champlain bridge be added to facilitate access to the world fair?

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**Mr. Speaker:** This is a question for the order paper.

**Mr. Pigeon:** I think the minister is ready to answer.

**HOUSING****ASSISTANCE BY C.M.H.C. TO POINT EDWARD  
NAVAL BASE EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General):** On Thursday last the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria asked me, as the minister through whom Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation reports to parliament, a question concerning the arrangements to be made to assist workers at the Point Edward naval base. I took the question as notice.

Since the question was asked I have gone into the matter with the officials of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and have been advised that the corporation has no rental housing units serving the employees at the Point Edward naval base, nor has the corporation any problems relating to arrears of mortgage payments in this area.

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** May I ask a supplementary question. I thank the minister for his reply; he is always a gentleman, unlike some of his colleagues.

**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sure the hon. member did not mean what he stated, just incidentally to his main question.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** I cannot hear you, sir, but the Postmaster General is a real gentleman so far as I am concerned. May I ask him a specific question. I was not specifically referring to central mortgage and housing, although that was included, but could he not with his cabinet colleagues look into the question of assisting those who have been put out of employment by this government in paying their rent? They still have to pay rent.

**Mr. Nicholson:** Mr. Speaker, that is a question for the order paper. I have looked into the central mortgage and housing aspect of it, and with regard to the other aspect, if it is put on the order paper I shall make inquiries.