

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MANUFACTURE OF ROLLING STOCK

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Madam Speaker, I would like to attempt to get some information from the Minister of State for Regional Economic Expansion who, I am sure, has conferred with his colleague, the Minister of Transport, on this problem. What are the future intentions of the CNR with respect to the manufacture of its own railway rolling stock? It is of great concern to the Hawker Siddeley works in Trenton, Nova Scotia, to a plant in Montreal, and to a plant in Hamilton as well. There are many thousands of workers who are wondering about the policy.

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member knows that Canadian National Railways are not the responsibility of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce or DREE. I would suggest that he pose the question to my colleague, the Minister of Transport, who is responsible.

Mr. MacKay: I thought, because there were so many jobs involved, the Minister would know.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL PLANTS

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question to the Minister is about another situation in Nova Scotia that is causing concern. The Deputy Prime Minister recently announced the possibility of a steel fabricating plant in his constituency that is going to have the possibility of creating 1,000 jobs. As the Minister knows, a short distance away there is another plant that has closed down. It is the same Hawker Siddeley plant that can duplicate the very jobs that the Deputy Prime Minister is hoping to create in his constituency. Is this Government policy, departmental policy, or more political puffery from the Deputy Prime Minister?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, as the Hon. Member knows, the Deputy Prime Minister has devoted the majority of his adult life to the people of that particular area in terms of creating jobs. There are several substantial projects which are on-going at the present time to create jobs in that area.

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FISHERIES

REPORTED THREAT TO RAM SEALING SHIPS

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. He will know that this is not a hypothetical question because an organization known as the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, which owns a converted trawler called the *Sea*

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Shepherd, is currently hove to off St. John's, Newfoundland, and threatening to ram the three sealing ships that are planning to go to the ice within the next few days.

What action does the Minister intend to take under the Fisheries Act to protect these three ships which have Canadians on board? Does he intend to call in the assistance of the Coast Guard and/or the navy to ensure that this vessel will not ram the Canadian sealing ships? As he knows, this vessel has already boasted of having sunk three whalers.

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, obviously no Canadian should be allowed to prevent other Canadians from practising a lawful activity, whether fishing, seal hunting, or whatever. If a small group like the one on the *Sea Shepherd* tries to prevent other Canadians from undertaking such an activity, that of course will have to be looked at by my colleague, the Minister of Justice.

If any group wants to impose its will on other Canadians, I would call it tyranny and totally unacceptable.

REQUEST THAT SEALING SHIPS BE PROVIDED WITH ESCORTS

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, does the Minister intend to provide these three ships with escorts from either his own fleet or the Armed Forces, so that they can leave port and head for the ice without fear of harassment or being rammed?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, with respect to movement on the sea, it involves regulations of the Department of Transport and my own Department. There is also the responsibility and assistance that we can have from the Department of National Defence. At this moment an interdepartmental group is monitoring the situation. I am very pleased to have the support of the Hon. Member that that group should not be allowed to prevent other Canadians from practising their lawful activities.

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INCOME TAX

APPLICATION TO WAGES EARNED ON INDIAN RESERVES

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte had plans to put men to work clearing and preparing land for the planting of 28,000 trees. The work is to be done on the reserve and the whole project will come under the Canadian Forestry Service reforestation program under which unemployment insurance benefits are supplemented and paid to those workers involved.

At the present time the whole project is on hold awaiting a formal ruling on the question of whether or not wages paid to the workers will be taxed. Would the Minister tell us if the wages paid to those natives working on reserve land are subject