

*Inquiries of the Ministry***SHIPPING****HALIFAX—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION  
INTO SHIPWRECK**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport of which I have given his office notice. Will the minister arrange an inquiry immediately into the tragic loss of life by shipwreck on the Sisters' shoal outside Halifax harbour this morning? Would he ask his officials for a departmental review at once of the navigational aids covering the approaches of Halifax harbour, to decide whether more buoy markings are needed immediately, bearing in mind that this is the second marine accident there in less than nine months?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** I am sure we all heard with great distress the news on the radio this morning that this ship was in trouble, and I am sorry to have to report to the house that this is a very serious disaster indeed.

The investigation has already begun and every aspect of the matter, including the question of aids to navigation will be looked into. I am sure the hon. gentleman will not expect me, with the paucity of accurate information I have at the moment, to go beyond what I have just said, but I know I will be expressing the view of everyone in the house when I say how deeply we regret this loss and how sympathetic we all feel toward the relatives of those who have lost their lives.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS****MCKINNON INDUSTRIES—TAB PAYMENTS FOR  
WORKERS LAID OFF**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Labour following the question I asked him yesterday, which he took as notice. It has to do with the 900 employees who have been permanently laid off by McKinnon Industries at St. Catharines and who have been unable to secure their transitional assistance benefits. I want to ask the minister whether any arrangements have been made by which local 199 of the United Automobile Workers can have access to the adjustment assistance board, and whether they will be able to get information respecting those who have been certified and those who have not been certified.

[Mr. Johnston.]

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):**

Following the questions which were asked on this subject yesterday I had my deputy minister or his officials communicate with the transitional assistance benefit board. My information is that the union is not asking for additional certification in numbers but is suggesting that persons actually affected within the numbers authorized are different from those named by the board. We have been in touch with Mr. Burt, the spokesman for the automotive workers, and the matter was to be brought to the attention of the adjustment assistance board this afternoon. I can make no further statement until I have heard what took place at today's meeting of the board.

**Mr. Douglas:** May I ask whether the board has agreed to meet the representatives of these employees who belong to local 199 of the U.A.W. and who have asked for a meeting to discuss this matter and find out why the TAB payments have not been made?

**Mr. Nicholson:** I can ask that question and will be glad to pass on the information to the hon. gentleman. I would assume that the chairman or some other representative of the board would be willing to hear representations, but I will be glad to verify this or otherwise.

**PUBLIC SERVICE****RECOMMENDATIONS OF GLASSCO COMMISSION  
REPORT NOT IMPLEMENTED**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic):** I have a question for the Prime Minister in connection with the report of the Auditor General. Is it the intention of the government before the end of the present session to look into the 151 findings, action on which the Auditor General has stated is long overdue, and which were contained in the 1963 Glassco report? Does the government intend to look into these findings and make recommendations before the end of this session?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** All these recommendations have been examined, and I think there will be an opportunity in the appropriate committee of the house to explain the position with regard to those which have not yet been implemented.

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** May I ask whether this recent report will be referred to the committee on public accounts as soon as possible?

**Mr. Pearson:** That is where it invariably goes, Mr. Speaker.