

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

year in the gulf of St. Lawrence and on March 12 on the Atlantic front. Further details as to quotas, hunting practices and so on will be announced at an early date.

**Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Cardigan):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. I wonder whether the right hon. gentleman would now stop beating around the bush and give us a—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. McQuaid:**—clear and unequivocal answer—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****BUFFALO NARROWS, SASK.—ACTS OF VIOLENCE**

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, in light of the alarming reports of repeated acts of violence affecting Indian and Métis people in the region of Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan, will the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development report to the house on conditions in Buffalo Narrows and indicate any special measures his department intends to take?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the matter raised by the hon. member. I shall inquire and report to the house next time I am in attendance.

[*English*]

**MALNUTRITION IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES RESERVATIONS**

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I brought an instance to the attention of the minister of Indian affairs this morning and I do not want to repeat it, but I should like to ask whether he will have an immediate survey made of the Indian reservations in northern Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba with a view to ascertaining whether by reason of the long, cold winter many of the people on these reserves are suffering from malnutrition and have insufficient to eat?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the right hon. member for Prince Albert for telephoning me this morn-

[Mr. Davis.]

ing. I immediately contacted my deputy minister and asked him to investigate the matter. This is very bad news and I do hope that it is unfounded.

At any rate, I shall report to the house early next week, and if anything needs to be done, we would take the appropriate measures.

[*English*]

**TRANSPORT****ATTENDANCE OF MINISTER AT MARITIMES COMMITTEE SITTINGS**

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister of housing and part time Minister of Transport. Will the minister—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder whether questions could be asked in a way which could make it easier for the Chair to accept them.

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Speaker, I will ask the well known and favourable Minister of Transport whether he plans to attend any of the transport committee hearings which are to be held in the maritime provinces in the way he attended the meetings of the housing task force?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** I had not planned to do so, Mr. Speaker, but now that I know I am welcome I might give some consideration to the idea. I do plan to visit two or three maritime centres during the course of the next couple of months to review some matters of mutual interest to my hon. friend. I do not know whether this will coincide with the trip of the committee. Perhaps I will have to meet my friend down there on some other occasion which will have to be determined.

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the meetings of the transport committee in the Atlantic region I wonder whether the minister has been in contact with his counterpart, the secretary of transport, or officials of the state of Maine, to consider the possibility of a corridor road, in view of various considerations that will be given by the transport committee during its hearings in that region?

**Mr. Hellyer:** Mr. Speaker, I am afraid anything I might say in respect of a corridor road or other matters concerning the possibility of changes in maritime transportation policy might be considered a leak. This is a project of fascination, Mr. Speaker, and I will be very pleased to look at its possibilities