

*Inquiries of the Ministry*  
**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

STEPS TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE OF  
 MEDICAL PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth):** I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare, but in his absence I will direct it to the acting minister or his parliamentary secretary. In view of the serious shortage of medical doctors which now exists and which will become more serious in future with the introduction of medicare, is the government considering revising its decision to cut health grants and abolish hospital construction grants?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Rosaire Gendron (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I shall bring those remarks to the attention of the minister.

[*English*]

**Mr. Monteith:** I wonder then if I may add a supplementary to which the minister might also reply. What does the government intend to do to ensure that the country will have enough doctors now and in the future?

**AIR CANADA**

CONCILIATION BOARD REPORT ON DISPUTE  
 WITH EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. On Monday he indicated to me that he had received the report of the conciliation board dealing with the dispute between Air Canada and the airline employees association. In view of the continuing disagreement that exists, can the minister bring us up to date on this situation?

**Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I did receive the report on Monday. After analysing it very carefully I felt the conciliation board had not carried out completely its terms of reference. I returned the report to the board and asked them to amplify certain areas within the terms of reference submitted to the board in order to facilitate both parties. At the present moment the board is reconstituted and will be meeting in Toronto on Friday, at which time I hope more progress will be made.

[*Mr. Davis.*]

**TRANSPORT**

ORGANIZATION OF CONTAINER TRAFFIC IN  
 ATLANTIC PORT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** My question is for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister advise why there have been delays in organizing container traffic in a designated Atlantic coastal port, brought about by the apparent incapacity of the National Harbours Board to come to any decisions on this extremely vital matter?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** I was not aware of any undue delay, Mr. Speaker, but I would be glad to take the question as notice and check the allegations contained in the hon. member's question.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** May I ask the minister the reason for the delay by the National Harbours Board in setting rate structures in east coast ports and providing the necessary facilities in order that container traffic may be rolling as quickly as possible rather than be diverted to the United States, as is beginning to appear likely?

**Mr. Hellyer:** I expect that any delay is caused by the fact the private enterprise companies do not want to pay a practical rate, and consequently negotiations are continuing to see if some agreement can be reached.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Is the minister not aware that the delays are caused by the inability of the government and the National Harbours Board to make some of these vital decisions?

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister yet had time to read the report on National Harbours Board decentralization? If so, is he now prepared to table that report, especially in view of the fact the transport committee is going to have officials from the National Harbours Board before it on Friday, when it would be very helpful to have the report.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I wish my hon. friend would not ask that question, because I have not yet finished reading it. I think perhaps I will have to table it without completing my reading of it, or else finish reading it overnight. If my hon. friend wants a decision between now and Friday I will try to give him an answer tomorrow.