

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

*Chronicle-Herald* of July 8, that 400 employees will be out of work within a week because of lack of shipbuilding orders. What I wanted to ask the minister was whether he would make representations to the Minister of Transport, who is not here today, and to the Minister of National Defence with a view to seeing whether the government could not arrange for some orders for this well established firm.

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Minister of Transport and the other minister referred to will see the question asked by the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate in *Hansard* and will take it under consideration; nevertheless I will convey it to them also.

**HOUSING****SUGGESTED EASIER FINANCING OF PURCHASE OF OLDER HOMES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing):** May I ask the Minister of Public Works if the government is giving consideration to the extension of the National Housing Act to cover loans on secondhand houses?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the government is of course giving consideration to all possible improvements which would be made to the National Housing Act, but policy decisions would have to be duly announced.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****MONTREAL—INQUIRY AS TO SITE FOR PROPOSED BUILDING**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Alan Macnaughton (Mount Royal):** I would like to ask the Minister of National Revenue whether he has yet decided upon a site for the proposed new C.B.C. building in Montreal.

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** No, Mr. Speaker; the Minister of National Revenue does not decide upon the site of proposed buildings for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Montreal or elsewhere. Such decisions are made by the officials of the C.B.C. and, in so far as I know, no firm decision has yet been reached.

**Mr. Macnaughton:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. Would the minister state whether he has met with or has arranged to meet with any delegation making representations as to the site in Montreal or in the Montreal area?

**Mr. Nowlan:** Mr. Speaker, I have met with so many delegations making representations on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that I am not in a position to answer definitely whether I have or have not met with any representative group from Montreal. I remember that about eight or ten months ago I met with several delegations from that city which had representations to make to me, but certainly I have not met with any representative group from the city of Montreal or the environs thereof within, say, the last six months.

**Mr. Macnaughton:** May I ask a further supplementary question. Has the minister seen the press clipping from last night's *Montreal Star* wherein it was stated that he would be receiving a delegation from the city of Montreal today to discuss this very problem?

**Mr. Nowlan:** I might say the paper to which my hon. friend refers is a very authoritative one; but whatever report may have been contained therein, I have not yet seen nor have I heard of any such delegation.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIPS****BRITISH COLUMBIA—INQUIRY AS TO RESULT OF MEETING BETWEEN S.I.U. AND C.P.R.**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Labour whether he could tell the house if the meeting which was expected to be held today between the seafarers international union and the C.P.R. was held or is to be held; and could he indicate the results, if any, of that meeting?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** The meeting, as scheduled, was held this morning and it is expected to be resumed at three o'clock. I am therefore unable to give to the hon. member the results of the meeting.

**Mr. Howard:** I have a supplementary question to direct to the Minister of Labour with regard to his answer concerning the S.I.U. dispute with the C.P.R. Will the minister undertake to exert the greatest possible effort on his part to ensure that the parties concerned will continue to meet—

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Howard:** I am asking a question—keeping in mind that it is not possible to resolve a dispute by settlement when the parties are not meeting?

**Mr. Starr:** Ever since this strike began it has been the concern of the government—and we have demonstrated that by our efforts—to bring these parties together, and I assure