

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, would the Minister without Portfolio also check into the report that a strike is being threatened by the air traffic controllers at Vancouver within the next 24 hours?

Mr. Turner: I will.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR REPORT OF COMMITTEE
ON CORRECTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ron Basford (Vancouver-Burrard): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that the recent book on the trial of Steven Truscott once again raises serious questions about the effectiveness of our criminal procedures in adequately protecting the rights of citizens, will he assure us that the committee on corrections, which is now working, will speed up its work so that we can have before the house in the near future measures for a thoroughgoing reform of the Criminal Code?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I have an appointment this Thursday with the chairman of the committee, and I will discuss with him the question raised by the hon. member.

LABOUR RELATIONS

ONTARIO—PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS
IN TRUCKING STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Labour and ask if he can inform the house whether any negotiations were carried on over the week end between the striking unions and the trucking firms in Ontario, and what plans, if any, there are for further negotiations this week.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I understand that some negotiations have taken place during the last few days and that further negotiations are contemplated, beginning on Wednesday of this week, with the suggestion that they be sustained until some solution is found.

Mr. Lewis: As a supplementary question, can the minister inform us whether someone representing his department is present throughout these negotiations?

Mr. Nicholson: In most instances but not in all cases. I might say that I myself spent an

hour and a half in Toronto discussing this matter with the provincial minister and his senior departmental officials during the latter part of last week.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

PROPOSED MOVE OF OFFICE FROM MONCTON
TO HALIFAX

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Margaret Rideout (Westmorland): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in his capacity as minister of manpower. Is the minister considering the representations that are being made against a proposed move of the national employment service office from Moncton to Halifax?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It is difficult for the Chair in a case such as this to determine whether there is any urgency. I am not sure whether this move is going to be made this week or next week, but in view of the special circumstances I might allow the question.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker. The new regional offices for manpower are to be responsible for coordinating all the manpower services, including training, rehabilitation, placement of immigrants and so forth. The new office will not be of the same nature as the one in existence right now in Moncton. But in any event no final decision has been reached and Moncton is not going to suffer in any way from the decision we are going to take about that office.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the future minister of Manpower.

When he says: "Steps will be taken to help persons who will eventually be displaced in the Maritime provinces to find jobs", is the minister aware of the situation prevailing in Val d'Or, Malartic, Rouyn-Noranda, where mines have or will eventually close down?

Is the department offering guidance to those workers or helping to create new industries to keep them in their own areas?

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, the department is generally informed about displaced workers and closing down of mines. The unemployment service is looking after all those problems and does solve them in many instances; in other cases it takes more time, but the situation does not escape us.