

*Inquiries of the Ministry***LABOUR CONDITIONS****ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—CLOSING OF PORT FACILITIES—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MEETING WITH UNION****Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):**

Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is he in a position to report on meetings he has held with the International Longshoremen's Union in St. John's regarding the closing down of port facilities there by Canadian National and the resulting unemployment in that city?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the vice-president, eastern region, of the CNR will be in Ottawa on Monday for discussions with me on this and a number of other related matters, including some referred to by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate.

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. Since the new president of the Newfoundland Board of Trade suggested yesterday that large numbers of citizens should move away from that province, has the minister, in consultation with his colleague, the Minister of Fisheries, considered any action to relocate the hon. members for St. John's East, St. John's West, Gander-Twillingate and Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe?

AIR TRANSPORT**CRASH IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—SEARCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Bruce Howard (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Since an aircraft has been missing for over a week in southern British Columbia can the minister tell us what our search and rescue people are doing to find it?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, they are doing their very best to find it. Actually to date they have flown over 325 hours and covered 29,000 square miles of territory. We have three Albatrosses and two helicopters engaged in the search.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**INCLUSION OF TRANSPORTATION AND FREIGHT RATES ON CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. [Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

ister? Has the right hon. gentleman given assurances to the western premiers that transportation and freight rate matters pertaining to the western economic situation will be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming federal-provincial conference?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, there was a request to that effect made to the secretariat and the government accepted the suggestion that such subject be discussed, but I am not quite sure whether all provinces will be prepared to proceed with it. However, if they wish to do so it can easily come under the first item on the agenda, under the heading pertaining to the economic situation. There has been, in other words, some discussion of this. We have agreed to discuss it but we are not sure when it will be brought up and in what form. I can say that we have not received any briefs on this matter.

ESTIMATES**INQUIRY AS TO PROBABLE DATE OF PRESENTATION**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I wish to ask the President of the Treasury Board whether he is in a position to tell the House when he will be bringing down his estimates?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): I hope it will be next week, Mr. Speaker, mid-week.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**GREECE—PROTEST RESPECTING TORTURE OF PRISONERS**

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister with reference to at least half a dozen questions I have directed to him and the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Does the government of Canada intend now or at any time to protest to the government of Greece the fact that it is systematically torturing political prisoners in its jails?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I cannot add anything to the reply the Secretary of State for External Affairs has already made to this question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

[Translation]

Mr. Clermont: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege in the interest of all hon. members.