

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

opening of the House because I would have been in a position to make a full report. I will do that tomorrow.

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**TRANSPORT****INQUIRY AS TO COMMENCEMENT OF FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN MAGDALEN AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDS**

**Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Cardigan):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the roll-on, roll-off service between the Magdalen Islands and Prince Edward Island was scheduled to commence on August 1 and has not yet begun, can the minister tell the House how soon we can expect the service and the reason for the delay?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think the reason for the delay is well known. Upon examination the vessel concerned had more difficulties of an engineering nature than had been known prior to inspection. These have now been corrected and I would hope the service could begin in the very near future.

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**MANPOWER****SUGGESTED INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN BUSINESS TO EFFECT CHANGES FROM INSIDE—GOVERNMENT POLICY**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the recent statement by the Prime Minister in Ste Adele that our youth should go into business and try to change it from the inside, can he say whether he was stating government policy? If so, can he inform us of any measures the government is contemplating to employ youth in this manner?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, a suggestion like that obviously is not government policy. It is an indication of the way I think the business world should be developing in Quebec in particular. There is no particular measure the government can take that I can see to force young people and business people together. Therefore it was in the nature of a suggestion.

**RETRAINING GRANTS—REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT OF THREE YEARS IN WORK FORCE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In light of manpower regulations that now prevent the availability of manpower grants for training and retraining until a person has been in the work force for three years, will the minister consider amending the act so that all unemployed can qualify for those grants?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, as has been indicated to the House many times, the question of the three-year rule is under [Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

constant review and discussion with provincial authorities. The basic position has been one of providing training for those people who have been in the labour force and not to those who are basically in the main educational stream and are up to 18 or 19 years of age. This, of course, must be reviewed in light of the numbers of people now seeking training and the availability of training places. We are looking at the matter.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE AMONG THOSE UNDER 24—NATURE OF STUDIES—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. Last week the Prime Minister indicated that the government was both alarmed and concerned about the high rate of unemployment among those in the 14 to 24 age group. He indicated as well that special study and attention would be given to this matter. Can he indicate the nature of any studies or investigations which have been put into effect and also when we may expect some report on this very serious matter?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the Minister of Manpower and Immigration just gave an example of the consideration we are giving to this aspect of the question.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There are four minutes left before the end of the question period. I wonder whether supplementaries could not wait until tomorrow. I am anxious to recognize the hon. member for St. John's West.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE****NEW LEGISLATION RESPECTING BENEFITS FOR FISHERMEN**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. Can the minister tell the House when he is going to introduce legislation dealing with unemployment insurance benefits for fishermen?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, the unemployment insurance benefits that came into effect on July 1 are applicable to fishermen as well as to other members of the work force in the same manner as when the old act applied. There was an inference at one time that another plan might be developed through the Minister of the Environment, to be aimed specifically at the fishing industry. In the interval all self-employed fishermen coming under the old definition will be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

**Mr. Carter:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister of the Environment who is responsible for fisheries tell us when he is going to introduce his new plan dealing with unemployment insurance benefits for fishermen?