

Railways and Shipping Committee
(Translation):

COAL

DRUMHELLER—INQUIRY AS TO POSITION
OF MINERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lucien Cardin (Richelieu-Vercheres): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. Has he been informed of the difficult position in which the Drumheller miners find themselves, and could he tell us if the government is considering assistance to that important mining industry in Alberta?

Hon. Paul Comtois (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the situation. In fact the officials of my department have discussed the matter and taken it up with the Department of Labour and the Department of Trade and Commerce. We are now considering the matter in order to find some means of providing assistance to this mine and to local miners.

(Text):

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
AND SHIPPING OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY
THE GOVERNMENT

The house resumed, from Tuesday, July 8, consideration of the motion of Mr. Hees:

That a sessional committee on railways, air lines and shipping owned and controlled by the government be appointed to consider the accounts and estimates and bills relating thereto of the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, and Trans-Canada Air Lines, saving always the powers of the committee of supply in relation to the voting of public moneys; and that the said committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and to report from time to time and that, notwithstanding Standing Order 67 in relation to the limitation of the number of members, the said committee to consist of Messrs. Bourbonnais, Brassard (Lapointe), Broome, Carter, Chevrier, Chown, Creaghan, Drysdale, Fisher, Fraser, Grills, Gundlock, Hardie, Kennedy, Loiselle, Martini, Mitchell, Monteith (Verdun), Pascoe, Robichaud, Robinson, Rowe, Rynard, Smith (Calgary South), Smith (Simcoe North) and Tasse.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, we resume discussion today on the motion of the Minister of Transport to establish the annual special sessional committee on railways and shipping, that is to say upon enterprises owned, controlled and operated by the government. When the house adjourned at ten o'clock last evening I was dealing with the Canadian National Steamships along with the Canadian National Railways and Trans-Canada Air Lines, government-owned enterprises to which the former administration had given particular attention down through the years.

Clark has been instructed that his terms of reference are fact-finding and not recommendatory?

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as I think the hon. member will recall, the terms under which Dr. Clark was instructed to make this study were according to the Prime Minister's announcement. I mentioned a few days ago that this study was progressing favourably, and that is the case. I have no doubt that the report will be presented just as soon as it is completed.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): The minister has entirely overlooked another feature of my question, namely whether or not Professor Clark will be precluded from making any recommendations.

Mr. Monteith (Perth): The terms under which Dr. Clark was asked to make this survey did not, I believe, include any request for recommendations but purely a factual study. That is my recollection.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

TRIBUTE TO MR. SPEAKER'S RESPONSE TO ADDRESS
BY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. L. Houck (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, this is not a question, but I hope you will not rule me out of order. I would be remiss if I did not say at least a word on behalf of the opposition as to how much we appreciated your very fine response to the splendid address by the President of the United States this morning. I can only add, Mr. Speaker, that I am sure the President will carry back to Washington the conviction that we have an exceptionally fine Speaker in our House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: I wish to thank the hon. member and the house. In the circumstances I can scarcely rule him out of order.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN

TERRA NOVA NATIONAL PARK, NFLD.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources how soon he hopes to be able to table the return for which I asked, and to which the house agreed some days ago, with respect to employment in the Terra Nova national park.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): I shall make inquiries and inform the hon. member.