

*Railways and Shipping Committee*

cent was not in his opinion sufficient. He promised an improvement in the present conditions under the Maritime Freight Rates Act. In fact, when he spoke at Minto, New Brunswick, on June 1 he said that enlargement of the federal subsidies on freight rates under the Maritime Freight Rates Act, that is, of course, the increase of 50 per cent made by the previous government on outbound movements from select territory, had been totally inadequate for the seaboard provinces.

Those who heard the Prime Minister confidently expected that the Conservative government, if elected to office, would further increase the subvention payable under the Maritime Freight Rates Act. Here again is another field of complete inactivity on the part of the government and I think on the establishment of this committee the house is entitled to know from the minister what, if anything, is being done about an increase in the maritime freight rates subsidy and why, if no consideration is being given to such an increase, what is the position in view of the statements made by the Prime Minister.

It seems to me that the Minister of Transport has shown an unusual change of outlook since he moved from this side of the house to the other side of the house. He has been quite silent today on a number of things concerning these three government-owned enterprises. I am disappointed that he has been silent in regard to so many subjects which are of interest to the house, to the Canadian National Railways, to the Canadian National Steamships, to the Trans-Canada Air Lines, as well as upon those transportation services which affect the Atlantic provinces.

There is one other subject upon which I would like to say a few words, and that is with respect to Canadian National Steamships, but perhaps I might call it ten o'clock.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Chevrier:** May I ask the government leader what the business will be tomorrow?

**Mr. Green:** Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, we shall continue with this motion. We had hoped then to take second reading of item No. 5, which is an act to incorporate the lake-head harbour commissioners. If the member for Fort William (Mr. Badanai) is here we shall go ahead; otherwise we will be willing to defer discussion on this subject.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Thank you.

**Mr. Green:** And then item No. 16, a resolution concerning returned soldiers' insurance, and item No. 17, a resolution concerning veterans insurance. The intention is to refer both of those bills to the standing committee on veterans affairs. Then item No. 12, a resolution concerning the Yukon; item No. 6, concerning Cape Breton Highlands national park; then item No. 4, second reading of the act to amend the Lake of the Woods Control Board Act.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Is it the intention of the government to go on with government business on Thursday?

**Mr. Green:** Yes, but it will depend on how we get along tomorrow with these different items. We may take the budget resolutions.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.