

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister of northern affairs, of which I gave him notice. It arises from the just announced discovery of treasure trove worth \$700,000 in the ocean near Louisburg, Cape Breton. Was Alex Storm, an employee of the department and one of the three men who made the discovery, working for the department when he carried out research in the archives at Paris, France—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question should be placed on the order paper.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYSREQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO
GASPÉ-MATAPEDIA SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the soft-hearted Minister of Transport, whom I would not wish to see become hard-headed, if we can expect an inquiry into the rail traffic problems on our peninsula in the very near future.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): The inquiry is under way at the present time, sir.

HOUSINGWINNIPEG—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
WINTER BUILDING BONUS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Has the minister been asked by the Winnipeg House Builders Association to extend the cut-off date for the \$500 winter house building bonus in the case of houses under construction in areas which are in danger of being flooded?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): I shall have to take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION**

COST OF EXTENSION OF TELEVISION SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Has she received a reply from the C.B.C. in answer to her request for an approximate cost of servicing the areas of Canada which are presently not served by C.B.C. television?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Not that I have seen, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Simpson: As a supplementary question, could the hon. lady say when she expects to receive this reply?

Miss LaMarsh: Well, Mr. Speaker, hope springs eternal and I keep hoping the agencies will respond as quickly as members of parliament would like them to do.

[*Translation*]

MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYSNORTHWESTERN QUEBEC—ASSISTANCE TO
GOLD MINES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Did he finally succeed in contacting the provincial Minister of Natural Resources in connection with subsidies to gold mines in northwestern Quebec?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Yes, Mr. Speaker, and he assured me that he would do his utmost to remedy the social aspect of the problem.

Mr. Caouette: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister to have any meeting with the Quebec minister in order to establish clearly what assistance can be given to northwestern Quebec gold mines?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I did not have the impression that the Quebec minister would deem such a meeting necessary.

[*English*]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NEW PAY SCALE FOR AIR FORCE PILOTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Digby-Annapolis-Kings): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. I should like to ask the minister whether there was a meeting today in Ottawa of senior air force officers from Greenwood, Summerside and Halifax to discuss the recent pay increase to pilots only, and if there was a meeting, is there any plan to offset the rumoured resignations of the many other officers of the air force?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): The answer to the first question is yes. In respect of the allegation in the second question, this is the first I have heard of it and I expect it is not true.