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**HARBOURS****APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL BOARDS—LABOUR REPRESENTATION**

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. May I ask the hon. gentleman by what date is it hoped to achieve the appointment of local Harbours Board authorities, and will there be labour representation on these authorities?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, it would be my hope that the legislation which will be necessary to establish the new boards' policy can be introduced during the current session. It would be my hope also that all interested groups in a harbour region would be represented, but not necessarily in a subjective way.

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**POLLUTION****PROVISION OF ADEQUATE TREATMENT FACILITIES IN CHURCHILL FOREST INDUSTRIES PROJECT**

**Mr. Gerald Richard Cobbe (Portage):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Because of the recent controversy regarding Churchill Forest Industries in Manitoba, is the minister's department, following investigation, now convinced that proper pollution controls have been included in this project?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** We have been investigating this development, Mr. Speaker, and find unfortunately that inadequate treatment facilities have been provided. They are elementary, and additional investments will be required to ensure proper effluent treatment at that site.

**SPRINGHILL, N.S.—INVESTIGATION OF SLAG DUMP FIRE**

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is the minister in a position to inform the House when the investigation carried out by his department into the slag dump fire that has been polluting the town of Springhill will be made public?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I will be very pleased to take notice of that question.

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**POST OFFICE****SUGGESTED MEETING WITH LETTER CARRIERS UNION TO RESOLVE ALLEGED ADMINISTRATIVE CONFUSION**

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister in charge

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of the Post Office. In light of today's statement by the Letter Carriers Union of Canada that the Post Office is in the worst mix-up yet, with every Tom, Dick and Harry giving orders to people who will not obey them, would the minister advise when he will meet the union so that he can explain the new order of things to them?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will recognize that the question is not asked in the usual and accepted terms. Perhaps he might like to rephrase the question so that it would be acceptable from the point of view of the Chair.

**Mr. Macquarrie:** I would rather say ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

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**AGRICULTURE****INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—POLICY RESPECTING PROVINCIAL MARKETING BOARDS**

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Can he say whether the government has now formulated a policy on provincial marketing boards which have the result of restricting interprovincial trade and fixing prices? I am thinking now of the most recent action of the Newfoundland government in setting up an egg marketing board in that province.

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, of course if this action is taken pursuant to valid provincial powers there is very little the federal government can do about it.

**Mr. McGrath:** Has this whole matter been examined in light of the minister's responsibility under the Combines Investigation Act?

**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, there are a number of inquiries being conducted along that line. However, the general policy is being dealt with by my colleague, the Minister of Agriculture and, as the hon. member knows, the whole situation of provincial marketing boards was discussed at the last federal-provincial conference of first ministers.

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**POST OFFICE****STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH FORMER EMPLOYEES OF G. LAPALME INCORPORATED**

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** My question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. Is the government still negotiating with the Lapalme workers? If so, has the minister any good news to report with regard to this matter?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):** I think I can answer that question, Mr. Speaker. An offer was made by the government and it was rejected by the Lapalme workers. No more offers will be made by the government.