

*Inquiries of the Ministry***INDUSTRY****PICTOU COUNTY, N.S.—REQUEST FOR ORDERS FOR LOCAL FIRMS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister inform the house whether he has received a telegram from the Pictou county ministerial association, or from union groups of the area, asking for more orders for work for Pictou county industries; and, if so, what positive action is being taken by the government in this regard?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take this question as notice.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**MARITIME EXPRESS—DISCONTINUANCE OF CAFETERIA CAR SERVICE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the Minister of Transport whether the minister is aware that the Canadian National Railways is discontinuing the cafeteria car service on the maritime express, which will cause considerable inconvenience for the travelling public, the loss of a number of jobs in the wintertime, and the dislocation of several families. Could the minister ask the Canadian National Railways if they will reconsider this matter?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): I was not aware of this fact, Mr. Speaker, but I will bring it to the attention of the management of the Canadian National Railways.

MONCTON, N.B.—FURTHER STATEMENT ON LAY-OFFS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet, the hon. member for Assiniboia yesterday asked if I would make further inquiry as to whether an order went out from the management of the Canadian National Railways to reduce expenditure in the Moncton area by an arbitrary 5 per cent.

The management advises me that there was no set percentage cut. Like any other commercial business, the C.N.R. make a financial budget forecast for the company's operating requirements based on a summary of regional estimates of traffic, necessary maintenance, replacement of obsolescence, capital expenditures and so on, and naturally every effort is

to the supplementary question asked by the hon. member for Skeena in respect to the prevailing rates at the United States military base at Beausejour, Manitoba?

I am informed that we reviewed the prevailing rates at that base at the request of the United States air force.

HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS**ERECTION OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND CENOTAPH ON NEPEAN POINT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Can the minister inform the house of the progress to date with respect to plans for the erection of a national memorial and cenotaph on Nepean point to honour our fallen of all conflicts, and to house the world war II, Book of Remembrance?

Hon. A. J. Brooks (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I wish to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. The decision to build a national memorial and cenotaph on Nepean point has been confirmed by the government. The architects have submitted, through the Department of Public Works, studies of a proposed design which has been considered by the national capital commission and by the government. Certain modifications to the proposed design have been recommended, and the Department of Public Works has been directed to make further studies of the project.

NATIONAL REVENUE**INQUIRY AS TO PROHIBITION OF DUTY FREE WAREHOUSES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. L. Houck (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. I am wondering if the minister has any intention this session of bringing down legislation prohibiting duty free warehouses, sometimes commonly called free port stores, along the border which presumably would sell imported luxury goods duty free to United States tourists, and would be in direct competition with established stores which have been in business for years.

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, the short answer to that question is no; but there are implications in the question which cannot very well be answered verbally on orders of the day. If the hon. member would submit a question in writing I would be very happy to supply an answer and clear up, I think, some of the misunderstandings.