

*Inquiries of the Ministry***SHIPPING****HUDSON BAY—INSPECTION OF CONDITIONS BY INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister had any success with the insurance underwriters of ocean shipping in inviting them to Churchill to view the situation there, similar to what he did with respect to the St. Lawrence earlier this year?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I regret that although an invitation was given to a like group to visit the north and Churchill, they did not feel they could include the trip in their itinerary in the current year. They did make a trip on the St. Lawrence and I understand the response was favourable. They have indicated their willingness to come to Churchill, but the date remains open. It may be in the spring or at some other time in 1972.

Mr. Korchinski: Will the minister not renew his invitation at this time, with an offer to provide them with a ship after regular shipping has closed at Churchill?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I would be prepared to have them come at any time of their own choosing and provide the transportation for them.

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TRANSPORT**REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF FREIGHT RATES ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS THROUGH PORT OF CHURCHILL**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Transport look into the matter of discriminatory freight rates in respect of imports and exports through the port of Churchill?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice. I am not sure what the hon. member means by "discriminatory." I will try to look into the matter.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of certain events during the last couple of days I ask the President of the Privy Council whether he will seek an order of the House to commence sittings at one o'clock on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at ten o'clock on Fridays, so that the opposition's ritualistic obstructionism will be a waste of our time rather than the country's?

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POLLUTION**DUST-FALL READINGS, SYDNEY, N.S.—STEPS TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEM**

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment. [Mr. Speaker.]

In light of information that dust-fall readings at one location in Sydney were monitored at 261.5 tons per square mile per month, and the fact that pollution technicians consider dust-fall of more than 20 tons per square mile per month to be dangerous, what steps are being taken by the minister and his department to alleviate this rather choking problem?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I will look into this matter and report back.

Mr. Muir: Would the minister be good enough to have a team of experts from his department go to the Sydney area and ascertain what can or may be done by himself and his department? This situation is very serious, Mr. Speaker.

• (3:30 p.m.)

Mr. Davis: From the description I would think this is a provincial matter, but we will gladly support provincial officials in this regard.

Mr. Muir: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I do not know why we have done away with the Minister of Fisheries legislatively because we still have fisheries. We now have a man who is supposedly in charge of the environment. I bring a problem to his attention and he immediately sloughs it off on the provincial government—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Timiskaming.

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AIR TRANSPORT**ESTABLISHMENT OF NORDAIR AS REGIONAL CARRIER FOR NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO AND NORTHWESTERN QUEBEC—ONTARIO APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL CHARTER**

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport a question. Under our national air policy as it involves regional carriers, have negotiations been finalized regarding Nordair as the regional carrier for northeastern Ontario and northwestern Quebec?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Not that I know of, Mr. Speaker. There have been discussions between Air Canada and Nordair with respect to possible exchange or co-operation for certain air routes but to the moment at least, and so far as I know, no conclusions have been reached.

Mr. Peters: Has a charter been sought from the Canadian Transport Commission by the Ontario government through its commercial carrier, White River Air Service? If so, what role in the regional transportation system is being filled by this application?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would suggest to the hon. member that this question really ought to be put on the order paper. If there is urgency it can be considered at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Osler: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.