

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

that effective today the Canadian National Railways or the Department of Transport has ordered the Hillsborough bridge at Charlottetown closed to all traffic.

**Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport):** Although the hon. member was kind enough to send me notice of his question I have been unable to get the facts to enable me to answer him this morning. I shall endeavour to do so tomorrow.

**Mr. MacLean:** I should like to ask a supplementary question which the minister may take as notice. Is it correct that the Hillsborough bridge was transferred from the jurisdiction of the Canadian National to the Department of Transport some time ago?

**Mr. Marler:** I shall endeavour to cover that matter in my answer tomorrow.

**HIGHWAYS****SUGGESTED PENALTY FOR THROWING EMPTY BOTTLES FROM CARS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. K. Fraser (Peterborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Justice. Owing to the fact that a highway patrol officer was seriously injured by a bottle thrown from a car the other day and had to have many stitches put in his face, has consideration been given to amending the Criminal Code to make it a criminal offence to throw bottles of any kind onto the highway from moving cars?

**Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice):** The answer is no.

**Mr. Fraser (Peterborough):** Should not something be done, because the highways are being littered with bottles?

**HARBOURS****PORT AUX BASQUES—SUITABILITY FOR FERRY SERVICE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. M. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask the Minister of Transport if he has yet been able to understand the question I asked him several days ago regarding the use of the ferry at Port aux Basques when apparently not one of the three departments concerned knew what was happening until it had happened. Has the minister been able to have that question explained to him by his staff and can it now be answered?

**Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport):** I may say that I have reread the question asked by the hon. member for Greenwood and I am still quite unable to

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understand it. I have since had an opportunity to read the statement made by the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Winters) the other day during the discussion of his estimates and it seems to me that he covered the matter adequately. So far as the statement of my own deputy minister is concerned, it may be of interest to the hon. member for Greenwood that I should tell him that I have reread it and I can find no fault with it. I do not think I can answer the hon. member for Greenwood more fully than that.

**Mr. Macdonnell:** I am very glad to know that the minister accepts the answer given by his deputy. We shall have interesting discussions on that later.

**MONTREAL—CONSTRUCTION ARISING FROM ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. M. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace):** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Transport tell the house whether he will make an inquiry with regard to plans now under preparation for construction in Montreal harbour to meet the changed condition arising from the development of the St. Lawrence seaway?

**Some hon. Members:** Order paper.

**Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I had thought that I would say something about the matter when the item of my estimates was before the house.

**PRINTING BUREAU****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question of the Secretary of State. Has the minister received representations asking that the employees of the government printing bureau be accorded collective bargaining rights through a union of their own choice? If so, is consideration being given to such representations?

**Hon. Roch Pinard (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I shall have to look into it and report later. I shall try to give an answer tomorrow.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****REPORTED NEW PRIVATE CAR FOR USE OF PRESIDENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George C. Marler (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Victoria, Ont., (Mr. Hodgson)