

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

of this Parliament and the view of the government that sovereignty in the Arctic rests in the government and the people of Canada?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could answer that question. That particular article has come to my attention and I have asked that an investigation be made. It may be that entry was forbidden for security reasons. I am not convinced of that and I am having the matter looked into at present.

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[Translation]

**LABOUR RELATIONS****QUEBEC—LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS**

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the Minister of Labour but in his absence I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister.

Could he tell the House what is the present situation concerning the St. Lawrence harbours?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that Judge Alan Gold is expected to summon the parties to arbitration imminently. The Minister of Labour has told the press that he expects the arbitration to get under way quickly and to be over quickly.

[Translation]

**QUEBEC—LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—POSITION OF PARTIES RESPECTING ARBITRATION—RESUMPTION OF WORK**

**Mr. Valade:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

In order to be clearer, could the Acting Prime Minister tell whether the two parties have willingly accepted arbitration and do the longshoremen expect to return to work soon?

[English]

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I shall try to find out the facts. I would not want to mislead the House in any way. Perhaps later in the question period I could give the answer.

**QUEBEC—LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—STEPS TO ASSIST PORT OF MONTREAL TO REGAIN FORMER STATUS**

**Mr. Raymond Rock (Lachine):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of reports that many shipping firms are pulling their business activities out of Montreal and going to other ports as a result of the dock strike, can the minister indicate what steps he intends to take to help the port of Montreal to regain its former status?

[Mr. Macquarrie.]

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I remind the hon. member of the efforts made by the Minister of Labour.

**Mr. Rock:** Mr. Speaker, I am talking about trade and commerce.

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**YOUTH****STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR RETURN TO WEEKLY RATHER THAN HOURLY PAY SCALE**

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. As the government's career oriented summer work program was designed to assist students financially and as this year's change from a weekly to an hourly pay scale will result in loss of income of up to \$130 per student for the summer's work, will the minister consider a return to the former pay scale in order to enable students to save more money toward meeting greatly increased university fees?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to look at that question.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** As this year it was not explained to students applying for this program on the new hourly basis that the summer work week in the government service shrinks to 35 hours, with a resulting loss of salary, will the government make good this lack of explanation by paying these students what they would have received on last year's basis?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That is a representation.

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**ENERGY****NATURAL GAS—INQUIRY AS TO RECONSIDERATION OF RESERVES BY ENERGY BOARD**

**Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It arises out of the recent public statement by the minister to the effect that he thought reconsideration should be given by the National Energy Board to the quantity of natural gas reserves in Canada, particularly in view of recent discoveries in the Arctic. Because of that statement and because of the application to the National Energy Board by Dome Petroleum for the export of ethane, has the government asked the board to reconsider its judgment with respect to Canadian natural gas reserves which it made last November?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, not in general terms, no. The hon. member will recall that the Dome application is really to determine whether the ethane proposal is separable from the general export of gas. At the moment the government and Dome Petroleum are awaiting the decision of the National Energy Board on that question. On