

Inquiries of the Ministry

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. However, we have had discussions with the Premier of the province of Saskatchewan and have given him a list of our projects there. He has made representations to us that they be increased. There may be some additions by a number of departments in the present year.

Mr. Korchinski: I ask the minister whether he intends to advance his projected public works projects.

Mr. Laing: This is what we have in mind.

HARBOURS**COME-BY-CHANCE—PROVISION OF DOCKING FACILITIES FOR OIL REFINERY OPERATIONS**

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. In his absence, on February 13 I asked the Minister of Finance whether a feasibility study had been conducted into the Come-By-Chance oil refinery operation. I ask the Minister of Public Works whether the application by the company for a substantial loan to provide docking facilities was rejected on the basis of a feasibility study and, if not, what was the basis of this refusal?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I think further representations have now been made by the private company and are currently being discussed by us.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. McKinley: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder if I might be allowed to direct a question to the government House leader regarding House business.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member wishes to ask a question of the government House leader about the business of the House. I have no objection to this, if there is consent. I should mention to hon. members that I am again somewhat distressed that so many of our colleagues have not had an opportunity to ask questions. I try from day to day to perhaps give priority to frontbenchers and then recognize members in the back rows. This may be a policy which should be changed in the future.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I think this practice will have to be changed unless the Chair receives more
[Mr. Laing.]

co-operation from the front benches of the parties on both sides of the House. Is the Leader of the Opposition rising on a question of privilege?

Mr. Stanfield: I am so anxious to co-operate with Your Honour and my colleagues that I am going to absent myself from the House for two or three days.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will be missed. I gather that the hon. member for Huron wishes to ask a question about the business of the House. I am sure there will be agreement to allow him to ask the question, and for the President of the Privy Council to reply.

Mr. McKinley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether the government House leader can say whether it is possible to bring item No. 74 before the House either today or tomorrow in order that Your Honour can make a ruling on the proposed amendment and subamendment. I think this matter is urgent in view of the necessity for the government to announce a dairy policy before the start of the dairy year.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, with regard to your previous remarks, it was in the interest of getting more time for questions that we arranged to remove some frontbenchers from the House under the roster system. With regard to the hon. member's question about the business for today and tomorrow—

Mr. Baldwin: At the next election we will remove some more.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): The hon. member will be removed even farther into obscurity. Perhaps the hon. member for Huron would like to remove his House leader right now because the business for today and tomorrow was arranged after consultation with him and I do not think we should change it now.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**ELIMINATION OF STATIONS IN REMOTE AREAS**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, could I have the unanimous consent of the House to ask the Secretary of