

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member may make it easier for the minister but he is making it more difficult for the Chair, and I would ask him to pose his question.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** Thank you, sir. Can the minister now advise if a new mine is going to be opened at Lingan, Cape Breton, and how soon?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the procedure following the tabling of the Donald report is to allow further discussions to take place and representations to be made to the government in the coming weeks. The government will bring down its policy in due course.

**Mr. Lambert:** What about the announcement by the Minister of National Health and Welfare?

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** As a supplementary, may I ask the minister this question. Are we now going to be faced with a commitment made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare which is not going to be kept?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** I repeat the question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would bring to the attention of the hon. member that we are almost running out of time and a number of other hon. members still want to ask questions. I would ask his co-operation to allow the Chair to recognize other members. Has the hon. member a quick supplementary?

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** On a point of order, since approximately 2.30 I have been trying to get the floor. This is a very important subject to our area, just as important as the question of dairy producers and butter production. I am not so small that I cannot be seen—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** Now I am asking—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** Other members have been allowed to advertise the Liberal convention—

[Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria).]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** This is an important question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I recognize it is a very important question, and I am sure the hon. member will recognize that a number of important questions have been asked and that there are still a number of hon. members who have not had an opportunity to be recognized. This is what the Chair is trying to do before 3.42, which is just two minutes away.

**Mr. Douglas:** As a supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. If there is to be a supplementary it should be by the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria. I recognize that hon. member.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. The minister has said that representations are going to be made to the government. Since the first announcement about this matter was made a year and some days ago, how much longer are we to wait for action to be taken? A sum of \$25 million was guaranteed by the former minister of labour, and also the opening of a new coal mine at Lingan.

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, may I say this problem has been with us for quite a number of years, I think since 1937.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** But you had all the answers.

**Mr. Pepin:** I believe we are now moving toward a solution.

## INDUSTRY

ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON  
BOYCOTT OF SUPERMARKETS

On the orders of the day:

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Registrar General I would like to ask the Prime Minister if he can give us a report on the housewives' boycott of the supermarkets in Ontario.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to do that now, but I am following this boycott very carefully.