

Inquiries of the Ministry

the offer of \$500,000 by James Martin of Edmonton who plans to peg it at the west coast as a recreational centre?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think this question is in order. If the hon. member considers this to be a matter of urgency he might wish to ask the question at the time of adjournment.

[Later:]

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a question supplementary to that asked a moment ago by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre. It is directed to the Minister of National Defence. Will the Minister of National Defence give his assurance that the *Bonaventure* will be sold only to Canadian interests and not to some foreign power which may use it to add to its own naval force?

Mr. Cadieux (Labelle): Mr. Speaker, it would be inconsequential if I were to give such an assurance because we have offered it for sale to many foreign governments.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

WALK-OUT BY LINESMEN AND DOCK WORKERS
—ACTION TO PREVENT SIMILAR
OCCURRENCES

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Transport. It deals with the wildcat strike called on the St. Lawrence Seaway which lasted for 36 to 40 hours and tied up 30 to 40 ships. What action is his department considering taking to avoid such an occurrence in the future?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, about the only thing we can do is ask any employees who are involved not to undertake wildcat strikes which are not known of until they occur.

Mr. Scott: Does the minister consider that any action will be taken by the companies to compensate them for the loss they suffered while their ships were tied up, probably due to the negligence of the department?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

INDUSTRY

CLOSING OF GOLD MINE, GERALDTON, ONT.—
ACTION TO ASSIST COMMUNITY

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Thunder Bay): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of [Mr. Paproski.]

Finance but in his absence I will direct it to the Minister without Portfolio from Windsor West. It was announced yesterday that the MacLeod-Mosher division of Lakeshore Mines in Geraldton, Ontario, will close its gold mining operation at the end of this month. More than 200 men will be affected by this closure and the economy of Geraldton will be seriously hurt. Company officials claim they are forced to close as a consequence of the freeing of the dollar. What steps is the government prepared to take to assist this community which will be so adversely affected?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, this matter is being looked into not only by the Department of Finance but also by the Department of Manpower and the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and I hope to have further information for the hon. member early next week.

NATIONAL CAPITAL

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, HARRINGTON LAKE
AND OTTAWA RIVER POLLUTION

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. I should like to congratulate him again for doing an excellent job.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Bell: I wonder whether the Acting Prime Minister can answer my question of last Friday and report on any progress in respect of unresolved Ottawa matters such as the Fullerton dispute, the takeover of Harrington Lake and the pollution in the Ottawa River?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, while I am aware that pollution is a very important subject before parliament, I think it would be quite improper for me to seek to give a treatise in answer to a question on orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin: We like you when you are improper.

Mr. Fairweather: Are you having a garden party for Mr. Fullerton?

PENITENTIARIES

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO
CONDITIONS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): My question is directed to the Solicitor General. In view of