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which in the past has sometimes been isolated for more than two years. It is, therefore, the custom in such communities to carry reserve stocks to prevent serious distress. There has been no distress either for those living in the community or for the Eskimos trading into them. There are adequate supplies of food and other household requirements.

When the ship failed to arrive, the Hudson's Bay Company arranged for aircraft to fly the supplies from Coral Harbour to Repulse Bay and Igloolik. When they did so they offered to make available space for mission supplies. The material for both the trading store and for the mission at Igloolik has already been delivered. The first load for Repulse Bay will be moved on December 18 and will include 500 pounds of supplies for the mission. The remainder of the store and mission supplies are to go on a second trip in January. As a result of these airlifts, all materials except unusually heavy or unessential goods have been, or shortly will be, delivered.

PIPE LINES**NORTHERN ONTARIO PIPE LINE—SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour, notice of which has been sent to him. What steps has the minister taken to provide on the spot supervision of the obligations written into the contracts of the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation as given in sessional paper 176(b)?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. I can report that this matter has been receiving consideration, and it is the intention of the department to undertake an on the spot inspection of the manner in which the various clauses governing conditions of labour in these contracts are being observed. This will be done in the very near future.

NORTHERN ONTARIO PIPE LINE—PRICE OFFERED SUBCONTRACTORS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, notice of which has been sent to him. Has the minister received any representations on the price offered subcontractors for clearing work on the right of way of the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation, and if so, what is the subject matter of such representations?

Hon. J. M. Macdonnell (Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, there must be some misunderstanding. I have received no representations as far as I am aware or any question from the hon. member. I will take the question as notice, therefore, and make inquiries.

BROADCASTING**MONTREAL—SPOT ADVERTISING RATES CHARGED BY LOCAL STATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. G. J. Hahn (New Westminster): In view of the fact that the minister does not intend to set up a committee, would he now indicate whether he had drawn to the attention of the governors of the C.B.C. the matter of the discrimination in the rates charged as between them and private broadcasters, which I drew to his attention a few days ago; and, if so, what action has the board of governors taken?

Hon. G. C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Without admitting the validity of the suggestion that there was discrimination, I have drawn the purport of the hon. member's question to the attention of the chairman of the board of the C.B.C. for such action as the board may deem advisable.

Mr. Hahn: Will the minister assure the house that he will direct the officers of the C.B.C. to see to it that the rates charged by the C.B.C. are not less than those charged by private broadcasters?

Mr. Nowlan: I have no authority to direct the C.B.C. to do anything, and I do not propose to so direct.

Mr. Hahn: Will the minister advise the management of the C.B.C. that, if this practice continues, the \$37 million we are to vote this year will not be given them?

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. member has plied his question sufficiently, and has got all the answers he can reasonably expect.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**USE OF ROMAN NUMERALS IN CANCELLATION STAMP**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. M. Hamilton (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Peterborough—

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Those are bright Liberal colours you are wearing.

Mr. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace): I am sorry, Mr. Speaker; this is the hide of one of the Liberals we skinned at the last election.