

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

mobiles so Canadians can be assured of a safe winter recreational pastime?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, as to the objective of a safe recreational pastime, of course, this depends in large measure, as I am sure everyone is aware, on the skill and care of the driver. We have drawn up basic safety regulations for these machines and before they leave the factory they have to meet certain specifications. I would have to check to see whether these regulations are in effect now or are about to be proclaimed. We have also undertaken to make certain research grants in respect of the whole question of snowmobile safety to see what kind of standards might be adopted in this field.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** In view of the great degree of difference between provinces in the standards enacted by them regarding the safe use of these machines, has the federal government entered into consultation with the provinces, or will it be calling together provincial representatives in order that the best form of national safety standards may be enacted in consort with the provinces?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have had two or perhaps three meetings, two of which I attended personally, with provincial ministers of highways, or whatever their titles happen to be in each province, and we are working toward the goal the hon. member has outlined—the maximum degree of uniformity. Actually this does not so much relate to the vehicles themselves as it does to the driving conditions or regulations within each individual province.

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**GRAIN****WHEAT—INCREASE IN PRODUCERS' DELIVERY QUOTAS**

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I intended to direct my question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board but in his absence perhaps I should direct it to the Acting Minister or to the Minister's Parliamentary Secretary. In view of the fact that current wheat sales have been made from stocks owned by the Canadian Wheat Board and have not been reflected in delivery quotas to producers, when will wheat quotas to the financially depressed producers be increased?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I will bring this question to the attention of my colleague.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****RENTAL INCREASE FOR PERMANENT MARRIED QUARTERS**

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Can he now confirm to the House his department's plans to raise the basic levels of rent for PMQ's across the country and, if so, can he indicate to what

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levels rents will be raised and when these increases will be effective?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. member for the notice he sent to me at my seat in the House today. I would be glad to make an inquiry and give the hon. member a precise response.

**Mr. Forrestall:** When the minister is making the inquiry, will he determine and then advise the House what percentage of the recent pay increase will be absorbed by the rental increase?

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**POST OFFICE****PROPOSED REMOVAL OF CERTAIN OPERATIONS FROM CALGARY TO EDMONTON**

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister in charge of the Post Office. What are the Post Office operations which it appears the department proposes to move from Calgary to Edmonton, and what is the reason for this proposal?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure that this is a matter of immediate urgency and I wonder whether this question could not appropriately be placed on the Order Paper. If there is an urgency, the minister might want to give the House the information sought by the hon. member.

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):** I do not know exactly what the hon. member means, Mr. Speaker, but I will take notice of the question.

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**INDUSTRY****RENFREW AIRCRAFT AND ENGINEERING COMPANY—INVESTIGATION OF PROPOSED CLOSING**

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is he aware that the Renfrew Aircraft and Engineering Company is scheduled to be closed entirely by March 31 next, putting a lot of people out of work, and is his department looking into the situation, particularly in view of the fact that Renfrew is a designated area?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I am not personally aware of that situation but I presume my department is, as usual. I will look into it.

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**POLLUTION****BALLAST PUMPED INTO GEORGIAN BAY BY IRON ORE VESSELS—ACTION TO RECTIFY PROBLEM**

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of recent