

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): I shall be pleased to investigate the matter and report in due course.

HOUSING

INQUIRY AS TO NUMBER OF STARTS IN OCTOBER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. In view of the fact that we may be discussing housing within the next day or two, I wonder if the minister could tell us the number of starts made during October.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): I want to thank my friend for the information that we will be discussing this question within the next day or two. The information he has requested has already been published. If he wishes me to send him a copy I shall be glad to do so.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

RESERVE MINES, N.S.—REQUESTED CHANGE IN LOCATION OF NEW POST OFFICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General. In the light of the protests and petitions of a large number of people of Reserve in the vicinity of Glace Bay against the proposed location of a new post office on Sydney road, will the minister accede to the request that the new post office be located on the main street, where five suitable sites are said to be available?

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure how many post offices there are in Canada but if we undertook to locate them all on the orders of the day we would not have time for anything else. I suggest that the hon. member could get the same result by bringing the matter to the attention of the minister, or by putting it on the order paper.

TRANSPORT

CHIGNECTO CANAL—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON FEASIBILITY STUDY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. R. McWilliam (Northumberland-Miramichi): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister advise the house when the reports on the economic and engineering feasibility of the Chignecto canal will be tabled?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): I will investigate and will let the hon. member know tomorrow.

[Mr. Tucker.]

COMBINES

VANCOUVER—INQUIRY AS TO RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST NEWSPAPERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether the government has taken any steps to obtain a judicial or restraining order, as recommended by the restrictive trade practices commission, preventing the two Vancouver newspapers, the *Province* and the *Sun*, from making any alteration in their present agreements. If so, what steps have been taken?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): The answer is that no such steps as those referred to have been taken as yet.

AIR TRANSPORT

PACIFIC WESTERN AIRLINES—INQUIRY AS TO PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport and ask him whether the government has decided to pay a subsidy to Pacific Western Airlines?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): The government has approved financial assistance to Pacific Western Airlines to cover direct losses incurred on the route from Edmonton through North Battleford-Prince Albert-Saskatoon to Regina. This relief is on an interim basis, and the matter will be considered further when the air transport board makes recommendations following completion of the series of hearings on regional air services which it is at present conducting.

Mr. Chevrier: May I ask in what amount it will be?

Mr. Balcer: The amount involved is \$25,000 and it is to cover the direct operating losses on the route. It is up to a maximum of \$25,000.

AIRPORTS

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—CALLING OF TENDERS FOR TERMINAL BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. E. Nixon (Algoma West): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister say whether tenders have been called as yet for a terminal building at Sault Ste. Marie?

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

Mr. Nixon: This matter is urgent in order to get some work going.