

looked at previously, and veterans will be receiving this. There may be some cases in which, possibly, the war veterans allowance will be classed as income and in that way it may be denied, but this is subject to income assessment.

EXEMPTION FROM INCOME OF PARTIAL DISABILITY
PENSION INCREASES INCLUDED WITH WAR VETERANS
ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Has the minister taken any action to exempt from income increases in disability pensions for those veterans who are receiving partial disability pensions in their war veterans allowance payments?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I think the hon. member knows that these allowances have an income ceiling attached to them. Therefore, when veterans are in receipt of disability pensions such pensions have to be classed as income.

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[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF RAILWAY
EMPLOYEES' DISPUTE

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Transport.

Since the 100,000 non-operating railway employees who went back to work after the strike last summer are still waiting for the results of the arbitration ordered by special legislation of Parliament, can the hon. Minister of Transport, who is an expert on work standards, tell us how the negotiations related to these employees are going and whether he intends telling us about their results in the near future?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The hon. member who is well acquainted with the Portneuf workers and the unions, is well aware of the fact that this report is to be made to the Minister of Labour.

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ENERGY

OIL—GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR DOMESTIC PRICING
POLICY

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. On Friday the minister told the House that many aspects of the new energy policy will be discussed at the January first ministers' meeting. Can the minister now tell the House if the government has a specific proposal for a domestic pricing policy and, if so, when will it be announced?

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Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, we will be bringing forward some alternative proposals in this regard to the conference.

Mr. Neil (Moose Jaw): Does the government now have a definite pricing mechanism to incorporate in legislation and, if so, when can it be expected?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I answered that question on Friday.

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY
WILL HAVE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS NEXT YEAR

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Since the agricultural industry is one of the largest users of petroleum in the country, can the minister assure the agricultural industry, especially east of the Ottawa Valley, that there will be adequate supplies of petroleum for the upcoming 1974-75 crop?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, one of the critical questions would be the early support of the hon. gentleman and his colleagues for the Energy Resources Allocation Board bill.

FIGURE TO WHICH PRICE OF DOMESTIC OIL MAY BE
ALLOWED TO RISE TO ENSURE TAR SANDS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the Prime Minister's recent statement that the price of domestically produced oil must be allowed to rise to a level high enough to allow for speedy development of the tar sands, can the Prime Minister indicate what figure he had in mind inasmuch as the current estimate of the level would be approximately \$10 per barrel?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the figure we have in mind is one we will be discussing with the provinces at the January conference.

Mr. Yewchuk: Can the Prime Minister indicate what date he has in mind by which this level will be reached for Canadian produced crude oil?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will have to understand that we do not want to act unilaterally and be accused of doing that, and that we have to bring to the provinces the discussion of these matters. This will be done in January.

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CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ACTION TO INCREASE PAYMENTS TO PRERETIRED COAL
MINERS

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister responsible for the Cape Breton Development Corporation. In light of the