

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AID****NIGERIA—DEPARTURE OF SHIPLOAD OF SUPPLIES FROM HALIFAX**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the right honourable Prime Minister.

We know that a ship in the port of Halifax was loaded with food intended for the civilian population of Nigeria; can he tell us whether that ship has reached its destination, and what is its home port?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, I do not have that information.

**AIRPORTS****MONTREAL—REPRESENTATIONS AS TO DISPUTE WITH TAXI DRIVERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the honourable Minister of Transport.

Can he tell us whether he received a telegram from the Montreal Taxi Drivers Brotherhood, copy of which was supposed to have been sent to him, so as to offer a compromise in the situation which opposes Murray Hill and the brotherhood? If so, can he tell us whether he intends to revise the contract of Murray Hill Company with Dorval airport?

[English]

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I understand a telegram has been received. I will be glad to look at it and advise my hon. friend after a reply has been made.

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT****REPORTED SHORTAGE OF COLONEL McCRAE MEMORIAL STAMPS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Postmaster General. Since Remembrance day is but ten days away and the Colonel John McCrae memorial stamp has been oversubscribed in many post offices in Canada, many post offices being out of these stamps, will the minister make certain that more of these stamps are made available to the Canadian people?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to look into this.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

**SHIPBUILDING****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Defence Production. I believe on October 22 he said that either he or the Minister of Transport would make a statement to the house on the government's shipbuilding policy. Could either of these hon. gentlemen advise us when such a statement on this most important matter will be made here?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Defence Production):** Mr. Speaker, this was a double barrelled request. Talks with elements in the shipbuilding industry, including some of the major construction concerns, are continuing. It is anticipated there will be several meetings, and we are listening to suggestions now. As soon as these have been resolved we will make a statement, but I cannot put a definite date on it in view of the way discussions are proceeding.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY****INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC ADVISORY BOARD**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** I wish to ask the Minister of Transport a question. It has to do with the continual rise in traffic accidents on our highways and in our cities. I should like to know what is the situation in connection with the establishment of the long awaited public board to deal with all matters affecting traffic safety, an idea which was announced five thousand lives ago in this house.

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** The establishment of the board referred to by the hon. member has been delayed because it requires co-operation and participation by the provinces and their responsible ministers. The provincial ministers are meeting in Saskatchewan next week, I think, and I understand they have an item on their agenda which contemplates the initiation of a further conference involving the federal minister, at which time I hope we can agree on the composition of the board and get on with this important work.