

Inquiries of the Ministry

Atomic Energy of Canada has been selected by the government to be the agency responsible in these negotiations and in the implementation of the agreement. The proper authority will be delegated to Atomic Energy of Canada for that purpose.

May I underline the fact that it was highly desirable to select an agency which has the competence and the organization to handle a project of this type and magnitude.

HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS

GUELPH, ONT.—HOME OF LATE COLONEL
JOHN MCCREA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, this question is addressed to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Would the minister give consideration to making the home in Guelph of the late Colonel John McCrea, the immortal poet who wrote "In Flanders Fields", a national historic site?

Mr. Speaker: This question should be placed on the order paper.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

VANCOUVER—POSSIBLE WORK STOPPAGE
BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I wonder whether he has anything to report to the house concerning the possibility of a work stoppage by the air traffic controllers at Vancouver international airport?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. It has been decided—and the decision was taken before the suggestion was received from the headquarters of the union, though it is in accord with the ideas they have expressed to us—that a group of senior officials of the department should go to Vancouver to look at this situation and attempt to iron out the grievances there. This is being done immediately.

[Translation]

MONTREAL—PROTEST AGAINST DECISION OF
LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Labour?

[Mr. Pepin.]

Is the minister or a cabinet committee on which he sits prepared to meet the representatives of the C.N.T.U. in connection with the conflict between unions at the C.B.C.?

[English]

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister has indicated that he will designate a cabinet group to receive representations from the C.N.T.U., the C.L.C., railway brotherhoods and other interested groups, and then recommend a course of action. Unfortunately these meetings cannot take place until after Easter, but all the unions and the brotherhoods involved have been notified that such meetings will take place at the earliest convenient date in April.

POINT EDWARD NAVAL BASE—JOB PREFERENCE FOR EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Associate Minister of National Defence, whom I always find most co-operative. May I ask the minister whether he is aware that according to complaints made to me in the form of a telegram from the National Defence Employees Association at Point Edward Naval base, tradesmen are being brought from the Halifax dockyard to close out this base, and that it is the request of the association that qualified personnel now employed there be retained and receive employment in this closing out procedure? May I also ask the minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):—whether he would use his good offices to investigate this alleged situation—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that he cannot read a telegram or a message of this nature in the course of asking a question.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, with all due deference to Your Honour I did not quote from the telegram. I read from notes of the question I posed. I just wanted the minister to see that I did have a telegram.

[Later:]

May I direct a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence and ask him whether he will investigate the alleged