

Inquiries of the Ministry

minister if he has made any appointments as yet, and if not why not?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I believe, sir, this question does have an element of urgency. The commission has not yet been set up because there is a little problem of finding some place for them to rest their heads. There is also the very complicated problem of the drafting of the rules. I am making the life of the Minister of Public Works miserable trying to get quarters for the commission. Great progress has been made in the drafting of the rules. Meanwhile part V containing the amendments to the Railway Act, which I think were the most urgent of all, is in operation.

[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**INDEMNIFICATION OF FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF CRIMINAL ACTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Since a number of honest citizens think that our society makes many efforts to improve the lot of criminals, I should like to ask the minister the following question.

Is he giving consideration to setting up or interesting the provinces in setting up a program of compensation for crime victims of the families of crime victims?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, this question has also been raised by certain correspondents. I am studying the problem at the present time. As the hon. member is aware, there is also here a question of constitutional law, for such compensation could come from the provinces instead of the central government. However, in that case, negotiations could be undertaken with the provinces.

[English]

NATIONAL PARKS**BANFF—PROTEST RESPECTING LEASING POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod): The other day I asked the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, who answers in this house for the national parks,

if he had received a petition signed by 324 residents of the Banff area objecting to the lease policy of the department. At the time he said he had not received it. Now that there has been a sufficient lapse of time to allow him to receive it, has he anything to report to the people of Banff and to the house concerning this matter?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Well, Mr. Speaker, I made inquiries yesterday and it still had not arrived. I think the hon. member should send over the copy he asked to have sent to him.

Mr. Kindt: I will be delighted to do so. My colleague has just informed me that he too has a copy.

WINTER WORKS**REQUEST FOR EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF 1967-68 PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack A. Irvine (London): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I am wondering when the minister might be prepared to announce the plans of his department respecting the winter works program for the year 1967-68.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am wondering whether the matter is so urgent that the question should be asked at this time. I have serious doubts about it.

Mr. Irvine: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, this is very important because the municipalities must make their plans and set up their budgets for this purpose. I believe on that basis it is very important the announcement should be made right away.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I believe last year the announcement was made during the course of the month of July. I am hoping that this year it will not be later than that.

Mr. Speaker: In view of the minister's reply I am confirmed in my suggestion the question should be on the order paper.

FINANCE**REQUEST FOR ACTION ON TARIFF BOARD REPORT CONCERNING WIRE NETTING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance,