

Inquiries of the Ministry

he can say how long shipbuilding subsidies are to be suspended, and if he can say the precise date when the program will be resumed.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I think it would be difficult to do that, sir. The matter is under careful review. I think I indicated there was a large backlog of shipbuilding in the shipyards, and of course the Canadian Vessel Construction Assistance Act is still in operation.

[Later:]

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): May I ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Transport. Is the government considering announcing that any ships that might be built during this waiting period, if the subsidy is reintroduced, would be eligible?

Mr. Pickersgill: No, sir.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Because of the urgency and importance, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he is in a position to inform the house whether a government notice of motion will be placed on the order paper for consideration and, I hope, adoption by this house, accepting the procedural changes that were recommended by the special committee in its report at our most recent session?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This matter was dealt with in the throne speech and I hope I shall be dealing with it shortly. Perhaps my hon. friend will wait until then.

LABOUR RELATIONS

MARITIME UNION TRUSTEES—REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that the work of the industrial relations committee was not completed when the session ended, would he give consideration to immediately taking steps to reorganize this committee and set it at work again so we can complete our questioning of the maritime union trustees?

[Mr. Balcer.]

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): I would be glad to consider that suggestion.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): May I ask a supplementary question. In view of proceedings now before the courts in the province of Quebec by way of *quo warranto*, will it be the intention of the government to reintroduce the same terms of reference for that committee as in the previous session?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, we have not yet discussed whether the committee will be reconvened, or a motion will be put on the order paper. As soon as I get a chance I will discuss it with my colleagues.

Mr. Starr: Does the Minister of Labour deem it advisable that the work of this committee should be completed in respect of the maritime trustees, as was originally anticipated?

Mr. MacEachen: Well, Mr. Speaker, the advisability of this motion will be considered by the government.

Mr. Nielsen: I have a further supplementary question arising out of the minister's reply to my first question. Is it a correct understanding of his reply that the government is considering not reconstituting that committee for the purpose of continuing its work?

Mr. MacEachen: The matter has not yet been considered by the government. It will be considered at an early date.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNION PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING SHORTAGE OF MINERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): I should like to ask the Minister of Labour whether consideration was given to asking the representatives of the union concerned to participate in meetings now being held to discuss the shortage of miners and skilled workmen between the Canadian Metal Mining Association and the government departments concerned, in view of the government's policy on labour-management co-operation in manpower problems.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): I am not aware that the union representatives have asked to present their views. If they do wish to participate and express their views, we will be delighted to co-operate with them.

Mr. Orlikow: I did not ask if they had asked, I asked whether the government gave