

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

between Canada and Australia, and how the work would be divided among the participating countries.

I am advised that the construction of the cable will be carried out in the United Kingdom; but subject to prices, quality and delivery all being satisfactory, Canada and Australia will, so far as they are able, supply all materials for the cable production in proportions to be agreed between them, taking into account that ideally those proportions should approximate to 50-50 in terms of value. It is expected that Canadian suppliers will be able to meet these requirements in most cases.

It might be added that the cost of material approximately equals the construction cost.

**SPORTS**

## CANADIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION—SURVEY GRANT

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard asked me a question concerning the proposed grant to the Canadian Olympic association in order to assist them in determining the best Canadian site for the 1968 winter Olympic games.

Having somewhat misunderstood his question, perhaps I should say a word in clarification. Such matters as he mentioned, relating to cost and population factors for each of the possible sites, will undoubtedly be considered by the Canadian Olympic association before it decides which site would give Canada the best chance of being selected as the host country for this event. This information had been communicated to me earlier.

**HARBOURS**

## VANCOUVER—SURVEY FOR SECOND SITE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. R. Taylor (Vancouver-Burrard):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Could the minister say when his department might be able to undertake the much needed survey to create a suitable second harbour at Vancouver?

**Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, because of numerous requests for a supplementary harbour for shallow draft vessels at Vancouver, the Department of Public Works is undertaking a boring and sounding survey to determine the feasibility of dredging Vancouver False Creek and, as a matter of fact, the survey was started on January 19.

[Mr. Balcer.]

**INDUSTRY**

## PICTOU, N.S.—REQUEST FOR REFIT WORK FOR SHIPYARDS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. J. Robichaud (Gloucester):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. My question is based upon a letter received from unemployed shipyard workers at Pictou, Nova Scotia. In view of the unemployment situation in the town of Pictou, has the Minister of Transport had any requests for refit work at the shipyards there and, if so, what reply has he made and what action has been taken?

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, we are well aware of the situation at Pictou and we have been working very hard to try to provide work in this shipyard. I am very pleased to say that no later than yesterday treasury board approved the letting of a contract for over \$200,000 to the Ferguson shipyard at Pictou.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

## REFERENCE TO ABSENCE OF NATIONAL REVENUE MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could ask the Minister of National Revenue if during his absence from the house yesterday he succeeded in unmasking Sir John A. Macdonald?

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** A reply to that question is not necessary, Mr. Speaker.

**THE BUDGET**

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed, from Tuesday, January 24, consideration of the motion of Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means.

**Hon. J. M. Macdonnell (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I have 13 minutes and perhaps a few seconds in which to try to drive home the argument which I began on Tuesday night, that increased aid to underdeveloped countries is an essential element in the battle against unemployment. First I want to say a word about the humanitarian argument although I wish to deal mainly with the economic argument. I think it is a self-evident proposition that if we had before our eyes the starvation, misery and so on of the underdeveloped countries we could not take it.