

into making extensive staff reductions—from its July, 1985, level of 2,000 to approximately 1,500 at this time.

In July, 1985, an initial Industrial Adjustment Service (IAS) Agreement was signed. The joint committee is responsible to seek out employment opportunities for more than 80 senior staff members (managers, administrators, professionals, etc.). To date, over 50 employees have been placed with other companies in the area.

At the same time, a second IAS agreement was signed on behalf of approximately 300 workers, members of either the United Mine Workers or the Office and Technical Employees Union. Limited success has been achieved for this group; however, job opportunities continue to be sought (e.g. the expected reopening of the Faro mine).

Byron Creek Collieries this operation is somewhat stable and has enjoyed a limited work force expansion (a few Webstar workers have been hired by Byron Creek). A joint company/CEIC—IAS Human Resource Planning Agreement is in place to deal with future planning and adjustment developments.

Fording Coal Ltd. this operation has stabilized and continues with a work force of some 1,400. In 1983, however, the Commission, under a work sharing agreement, paid some \$850,000 in UI benefits on behalf of 1,600 Fording workers.

Line Creek—Crows Nest Resources Ltd. an effective working relationship has been established between this operation and the B.C. region. A joint Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to deal with future planning and adjustment developments concerning the company's 700 employees.

2. The federal Government's policy with respect to coal, and for many other commodities, has been to leave the commercial and financial details of contracts to the private sector participants.

In 1985, meetings with Japanese steel industry representatives in Tokyo, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources stressed Canada's interest in maintaining and expanding coal exports to Japan based on commercial considerations. In line with the above policy, the coal purchasing policies of the Japanese steel companies in B.C. were not discussed.

3. At the January, 1986 meeting between the Prime Ministers of Japan and Canada, several issues germane to the Canadian resource sector generally were raised. With respect to coal, it was noted that Canada as a whole is committed to remaining a reliable supplier of coal to Japan.

#### COAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN

Question No. 526—**Mr. Broadbent:**

What was the value and quantity of coal exported to Japan over the past three years from the (a) northeast coal fields (b) southeast coal fields in British Columbia?

**Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):**

#### Canadian Arsenals Limited

(a) Northeast B.C. coal fields	
1983	— nil
1984	— 5.2 million tonnes valued at \$472 million
Jan. 1985 – Nov. 1985*	— 6.5 million tonnes valued at \$571 million
(b) Southeast B.C. coal fields	
1983	— 6.6 million tonnes valued at \$471 million
1984	— 7.5 million tonnes valued at \$515 million
Jan. 1985 – Nov. 1985*	— 6.5 million tonnes valued at \$450 million

\* December data not yet available.

[Translation]

**Mr. Lewis:** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[English]

#### CANADIAN ARSENALS LIMITED DIVESTITURE AUTHORIZATION ACT

##### MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-87, an Act to authorize the divestiture of Canadian Arsenals Limited and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, as reported (without amendment) from a Legislative Committee.

**Mr. Speaker:** First, I would like to advise the House that because of the ministerial statement Government Orders will be extended by five minutes today after one o'clock.

There are five motions on this day's Order Paper relating to Bill C-87. I have had the opportunity to examine the said motions and find that they are all in order. They will be proceeded with as follows.

Motions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will be grouped for debate. Since Motion No. 3 is consequential to Motion No. 1, a vote on Motion No. 1 will apply to Motion No. 3.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Could we get a copy of that?

**Mr. Speaker:** Has this not been distributed?

**Mr. Gauthier:** No. This is the second time.

**Mr. Speaker:** A vote on Motion No. 1 will dispose of Motion No. 2.

Motions Nos. 4 and 5 are identical. The Chair will select Motion No. 4 which will be debated and voted on separately.

I apologize for the notice not having been distributed in time to Hon. Members.