

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Rock:** I have no shares in natural gas; let me finish.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There was a disastrous explosion at this site and perhaps the hon. member is right in asking for a reply this morning, if the reply is prepared and the minister is ready to give it, and if it would ease the situation and concern in Montreal.

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to fully answer the question. I received notice of it, for which I thank the hon. member, after the opening of the house. I know there have been some discussions between the people concerned and central mortgage and housing, but whether they have covered this particular aspect of the matter I am not sure. I will look into it and give the hon. member an answer as soon as possible.

**Mr. Rock:** With regard to your ruling, Mr. Speaker, I should like to state—

**Some hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Rock:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. With due respect to my hon. friend, colleague and neighbour—political neighbour at least—I think we should proceed. The hon. member for Winnipeg South.

**FREIGHT RATES****CHURCHILL, MAN.—REDUCTION IN INBOUND RATES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mrs. Margaret Konantz (Winnipeg South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Could he tell me whether the Canadian National Railways are considering reducing the freight rates from Churchill?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Following certain representations which were made, the freight rate on inbound freight from Churchill has been restored to the same basis it formerly was with rates from Montreal.

**TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY****NOVA SCOTIA—STATEMENTS IN HOUSE BY MEMBER FOR HALIFAX**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Min-

[Mr. Rock.]

ister of Labour in his capacity as the cabinet representative from Nova Scotia. Will the Minister of Labour look at the assertions and allegations made in this house yesterday and make the appropriate apology to Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia; and I refer to the assertions and allegations made by the childish representative from Halifax.

Mr. Speaker, you have just made a ruling in respect of the question asked by the hon. member for Danforth regarding allegations and assertions. I have now posed a direct question to the minister representing Nova Scotia in the federal cabinet, as to whether he intends to allow these assertions and allegations against Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia to stand as they were left yesterday, in view of your ruling that we are not permitted to do this sort of thing.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. MacInnis:** The difference, Mr. Speaker, is that the question today was posed by an opposition member, whereas yesterday the assertions were made—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. MacInnis:** —by a government supporter.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I can understand the interest shown by the hon. member, but in my opinion his last declaration, while interesting, is not necessarily in order.

**Mr. Gerald A. Regan (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege.

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Regan:** Mr. Speaker, since the hon. member referred to me, I only want to make it clear on this point of order—

**An hon. Member:** You are out of order.

**Mr. Regan:** —that he is incorrect in suggesting that I made any such assertions. Anyone who takes the time to read *Hansard* as it records what was said last night will see that I dealt in a very responsible manner, if I say so myself, with sworn testimony given before the public accounts committee of the legislature of the province of Nova Scotia, which is of great importance to this parliament inasmuch as it dealt with a shared cost program in respect of which the federal government will pay 90 per cent. I was very careful in my remarks to say it was quite