

notice of the question. I would be pleased to ensure that it is given priority. If the hon. member wishes to redraft the question and ask it in shorter terms, I would have no objection to allowing it to be asked. This is much easier than having a point of order to deal with. Perhaps the hon. member might be allowed to redraft his question and get a quick reply.

● (1500)

**Mr. Dick:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the knowledge of the Solicitor General, are there presently any persons who have been indicted for capital murder, other than the murder of prison guards or police officers, and, if so, have they completed the entire legal process?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Since we are presently operating under the 1961 capital and non-capital murder law, the number of those indicted for capital murder is much larger than it was in recent years. I know there are some in the category about which the hon. member inquired. I do not have the exact details, but I will get them and make them available to the House for the debate later in the day.

[Later:]

**Mr. Dick:** On a point of order, perhaps I should indicate to the Solicitor General, through you, Mr. Speaker, my intention of discussing the question I raised earlier at ten o'clock.

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### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### EDMONTON HUMP YARD—REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON REMOVALS

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Having regard to the many squeals, shrieks and squeaks caused by the shunting of railway cars, which are still upsetting the health of the worthy citizens of Edmonton Centre, can the minister yet advise the House as to the progress being made in having the Canadian National hump yard moved out of Edmonton?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** I will surely make a very serious inquiry and report to the hon. member.

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[Translation]

### TRANSPORT

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY MINISTER

**Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct the next question to the hon. Minister of Transport.

In view of the brief that was released by the CNTU on April 1, is the hon. minister prepared to make a statement on the creation of a Canadian merchant navy, or does he plan to do so in the fairly near future?

### Capital Punishment

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I believe I have already stated, in the House or outside, that we are steadily beginning to restructure our merchant navy, and also to help our shipyards.

First, we should like to accept the Darling report; we should like to reserve all Arctic navigation for Canadian ships, and we hope eventually to achieve the next stage, that of starting to make our merchant navy truly Canadian, and giving it all the privileges that merchant navies enjoy throughout the world.

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### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### BUS PASSENGER FARE INCREASE, NEWFOUNDLAND— REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE OF OLD RATES UNTIL COURT CASE DECIDED

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. On February 27 I asked the minister a question with respect to the action of Canadian National Railways in increasing its fares in Newfoundland. The minister promised to investigate the matter and, hopefully, do something about it. Can he tell the House whether he has had a chance to investigate this situation and, if so, what has been done about it?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I recall that I did investigate this matter at the time. No increase took place pending the decision of the court.

● (1510)

### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### CRIMINAL CODE

#### REINSTATEMENT OF LAW RELATING TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 1972.

The House resumed, from Monday, May 14, consideration of the motion of Mr. Allmand that Bill C-2, to amend the Criminal Code, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, in my remarks last night, I pointed out that the practical purpose of this debate is to decide the best and most effective way to protect society from a person who has committed murder.

Some people want to follow the age old practice of hanging the murderer. As a matter of fact, I wonder why they stop at that when they could go still further back and reintroduce the procedures of drawing, quartering, disembowelling, and otherwise going to the limit in inflicting suffering and misery in the process. Others realize that the subject today is much more complicated. I believe that the most people in our country today are not particularly concerned about wreaking vengeance on a murderer. What