

particularly from the standpoint of the inspection of the apparatus used. With all due respect to the minister and the answer he has given I suggest he will find that the Department of Marine has been interested in this matter for a good many years, and I believe, although I am not quite certain, that an inspector was appointed in Vancouver. I would ask the minister to look at it from an angle which is altogether apart from the question of labour conditions, and if he is not prepared to answer to-day he might give the matter further investigation and answer at some future time.

Mr. HOWE: I shall be very glad to consult the officers of the Department of Marine and try to have an answer to-morrow.

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I had intended to ask a question along the same lines as that of the member for Kootenay East (Mr. Stevens), but I was going to direct my question to the Minister of Labour. It is several days since I wrote calling his attention to the very unsatisfactory conditions that exist in the port of Vancouver, and I wonder if any action has been taken. May I suggest that if this does not come within the scope of the minister who is in charge of harbours it does come within the scope of the minister who has charge of shipping, because several years ago we had this matter up—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: May I ask the Minister of Labour whether he can give us any information as to what can be done to safeguard these men's lives.

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I did receive a letter from my hon. friend referring to conditions in Montreal. I do not recall having received a letter from him referring to conditions among the longshoremen in Vancouver.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Did I say Vancouver? I meant Montreal. I once worked in the port of Vancouver, and possibly that is why I made the slip.

Mr. ROGERS: I can only assure my hon. friend that I am looking into the matter and shall supply him with an answer as soon as possible.

Mr. POULIOT: If the hon. member mistook Vancouver for Montreal he was a longshoreman.

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

### APPLICATION OF CANADIAN PACIFIC FOR PROVINCIAL CHARTER FOR ANGLIERS-NORANDA-CHIBOUGAMAU LINE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. RALPH MAYBANK (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Railways respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway line into Quebec territory around lake Chibougamau. In view of the fact that Consolidated Smelters Limited is a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, is there not, in the extension of a railway into lake Chibougamau region by the Canadian Pacific Railway, under subterfuge, as set forth recently in the proceedings of this house, a danger of making the whole of the mineral area served by such new railway, which in reality is a Canadian Pacific Railway line, dependent upon the wishes and plans of Consolidated Smelters Limited in that mining enterprise in the said area—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member ought to understand that he cannot make a speech in asking a question.

Mr. MAYBANK: If you will permit me, Mr. Speaker, to put my question, I would ask whether such an extension would not be a danger to mining enterprise in that area and whether the government will take steps to try to prevent any such condition of vassalage of mining enterprises. The few words I spoke, sir, in leading up to my question were necessary by way of explaining the situation.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Railways and Canals): I may say that so far as the conduct of my department is concerned none of the fears expressed by the hon. gentleman in his question will be realized.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

### PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF SASKATOON-UNITY SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. E. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Railways based on a letter I have received from the mayor of Wilkie, Saskatchewan, protesting against a proposed change in the railway service from Saskatoon to Unity. The letter is to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway is dispensing with this service, and the mayor and council of Wilkie wish to protest against its being discontinued. Can