

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Mr. Speaker. In view of a report that drastic cuts are to be made in the near future in the number of workers employed by the CNR on maintenance of way in eastern Nova Scotia, would the minister check to ascertain whether this information is correct, bearing in mind the possible effect upon employment?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has made a representation to the minister and he must assume it will be looked into.

**POLLUTION****ARCTIC WATERS—TRAINING OF COASTGUARD MEMBERS TO ENFORCE STANDARDS**

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** I have a question for the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. I welcome the hon. gentleman to the House on a day when he is not supposed to be here, though we are not sure what reason brings him here. Are members of the Canadian Coastguard Service currently receiving training in policing anti-pollution standards in northern waters?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Since the hon. member is always telling us we do not even know the time of day, he will not be surprised if I say I will be glad to investigate, and provide an answer to his question in due course.

**INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL CLEAN AIR LEGISLATION**

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** My question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It arises, in part out of the statement of business which was placed before the House by the Government House Leader. Can the hon. gentleman tell us what has happened to the proposal for a national clean air act which his predecessor indicated in the last parliament to be in an advanced state of preparation for presentation to the House?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Work is being done on a clean air bill but in view of all that remains to be done it is not planned to introduce the measure during this part of the session.

**GRAIN****INVESTIGATION OF RATIONALIZATION OF COUNTRY ELEVATOR SYSTEM**

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Canadi-

an Wheat Board. In view of the many statements which have been made in connection with the entire grain handling system, can the minister tell us whether or not a committee of officials is investigating the rationalization of the country elevator system in the prairie provinces and whether such committee has made either firm or preliminary recommendations with respect to the long-term rationalization of the country elevator system in Saskatchewan so as to reduce the number of shipping points from 1,100 to fewer than 100?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** The matter is under consideration but it certainly has not reached the stage suggested by the hon. member in the last part of his question.

[Translation]

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****INCREASE IN CRIME—REPRESENTATIONS BY QUEBEC MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

In view of the recent statements by the Quebec Minister of Justice regarding the fresh outbreak of crime in Canada and the telegram received by the federal Minister of Justice last Friday, could the Prime Minister tell us if the government has answered the telegram and, if so, what the reply was?

[English]

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I believe this question has already been asked. We are as concerned as the Attorney General of Quebec about crimes of violence; we are not sure he has suggested the right remedy.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****REPRESENTATIONS BY DIABETIC ASSOCIATION RESPECTING CYCLAMATE BAN—AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTITUTE**

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** My question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the recent ban on cyclamates and subsequent representations made to the minister by the Canadian Diabetic Association indicating that as a result severe hardship has been imposed upon those afflicted with diabetes, is any consideration being given to making available a substitute in order that diabetics may acquire some relief?