

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, am I to understand that I cannot get across a question of privilege to the Prime Minister without him imputing motive also? I now ask the Prime Minister to answer my question. It is the government's intention to meet the request of the president of the United Mine Workers of America to hold a meeting on the coal problem in Nova Scotia, especially in view of the \$25 million promised by himself, by the Minister of Transport, by the former minister of labour now the Minister of National Health and Welfare, by the minister of mines and by the Minister of Finance?

**Mr. Starr:** The whole government promised it.

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. May I ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether he will be so kind as to advise the Prime Minister that we have a union in Nova Scotia called the United Mine Workers of America, and would he acquaint him with what is going on in Nova Scotia and that we do have a coal problem?

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

**TRANSPORT****ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT RESPECTING TOLLS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that there are approximately only six weeks left in the seaway shipping season and that new contractual arrangements are being drawn up now, is the minister now in a position to state the policy of the government with regard to tolls so that new arrangements can be made?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Unfortunately no, sir.

**AGRICULTURE****SHOPPING AT SUPERMARKET BY MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Would the minister tell the house what he hoped to prove by his well publicized shopping trip, and whether he feels he was successful?

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think that question is out of order.

[*Translation*]

**QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO CROP INSURANCE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Can he tell us if he has had talks or has exchanged correspondence with the Quebec minister of agriculture, Mr. Vincent, on the matter of crop insurance? If so, would he tell us if Quebec wants to join the crop insurance plan of the federal government?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that the province of Quebec will take part in that program.

[*English*]

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT****REPORT OF INQUIRY INTO GRIEVANCES OF EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. On October 6 he advised the house that the Montpetit report relating to conditions in the Post Office Department would be presented to him not later than October 18. I should like to ask him whether this report has been filed with him and what action he intends to take in regard to it.

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, the Montpetit report was received this morning and it will be tabled tomorrow.

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Postmaster General say that he is willing to turn this report over to the committee which is now discussing the civil service matter so that representations can be made based on that report?

**Mr. Côté (Longueuil):** Mr. Speaker, I am not the one who should decide that matter but I agree with what the hon. member has said.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****SASKATCHEWAN—PRESERVATION OF INDIAN SHRINE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have been seeking an opportunity to address a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development which arises from a question addressed a few