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eastward. In making this important connection the company no doubt improved the service to its patrons in the Nelson and Trail areas from which point the greater portion of the traffic of this train originates.

Some complaints did reach the board in respect of the handling of express shipments on the Budd service, but these complaints have been satisfactorily taken care of. The Doukhobor situation between Nelson and Penticton broke the through connection, and as long as that situation exists the board feels that no improvement in the service can be anticipated.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****NORAD—INQUIRY AS TO CANADA—UNITED STATES AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can the minister tell us first of all whether or not the arrangement entered into by Canada with the United States under NORAD has in fact now resulted in a written document and, if so, when may this intergovernmental agreement between the United States and Canada be tabled in the house?

**Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am happy to inform the hon. member that all the negotiations with respect to the exchange of notes have been completed. I propose to make a statement in the house on Friday afternoon in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. The note will be tabled at that time.

**INCOME TAX****PREMIUM IRON ORES—CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can the minister tell the house whether the Canadian ambassador to the United States has in recent weeks made either a public statement or any official representation to the state department on his government's position in the Premium Iron Ores tax case?

**Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to take that question as notice. I have no recollection that this has been done in recent weeks, but I will accept the question as notice.

[Mr. Hees.]

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON SEASONAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. M. W. Martin (Timmins):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. I regret that due to the hustle and bustle of the formalities connected with the opening of parliament I was unable to give him adequate notice of my intention to ask this question, and he may prefer to accept this as notice.

In view of the widespread confusion and misunderstanding with regard to the interpretation of the act would the minister inform the house just what percentage of the unemployed are currently drawing seasonal benefits, and whether this ratio can be expected to continue or improve in the future?

**Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, because the question seeks the percentage of those drawing seasonal benefits, I will take it as notice and supply the answer to the hon. member tomorrow.

**TELEVISION****REPORTED LIMITED COVERAGE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue in his capacity as ministerial spokesman for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. I wonder whether the minister has noted and considered action on the point that the area known as northern and northwestern Ontario, which has very limited television coverage, failed to catch another kind of vision on March 31.

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I take it that the hon. gentleman is paying tribute to the educational work carried on by the C.B.C. in the greater areas of Canada, and I presume he will support me in my efforts to see that this educational work is continued in the future so that the vacuum to which he has referred will be obliterated in the next election.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****COCHRANE, ONT.—REPORTED REMOVAL OF DIESEL REPAIR SHOPS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport a question. Is the minister aware of the intention of the C.N.R. to move the