

conditions have been responsible for a drop in the level of activity during the past several months, but it is anticipated that recovery will start to take place during the next year and a half or so.

A small joint federal-provincial task force has been appointed to assess the report of a consultants' firm concerning a proposed extension of these facilities in the port. The deputy minister of development of the province of Nova Scotia and the Chairman of the National Harbours Board will direct the work of the task force which will examine the impact of the consultants' recommendations,

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review traffic projections, and consider the short-term operational improvements for the port that are outlined in the consultants' report. The task force is expected to report to the minister within the next two months.

The consultants were retained by the provincial government in December after the Department of National Defence advised the government of a number of conditions that would have to be met if the container terminal were to be built in Wright's Cove.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): I am sorry to interrupt the parliamentary secretary but his time has expired.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.27 p.m.
