

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

basis or on the economic basis will vote against the motion which is before the House now.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

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**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****LAY-OFF OF DOCKYARD EMPLOYEES, ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—  
GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Minister of Transport or to the minister's parliamentary secretary. Will the minister say what action has been taken on behalf of the large number of Canadian National dockyard employees at St. John's, Newfoundland, who were served with lay-off notices on October 25 which were rescinded on October 27, re-issued on October 29, rescinded again on November 1 and re-issued again on November 2?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and look into the matter.

**Mr. Carter:** In view of the fact that these lay-offs will impose considerable hardship on the people affected, would the parliamentary secretary ask his minister to intercede to have Canadian National withdraw the lay-off notices, and do everything possible to prevent a recurrence of this inhuman treatment of its workers by Canadian National?

**Mr. Duquet:** I can only say to the hon. member that the matter will be looked into today.

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**GRAIN****WHEAT—STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND  
SERVICES ON NECESSITY OF TWO-PRICE SYSTEM—  
GOVERNMENT POLICY**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. Was the Minister of Supply and Services stating government policy earlier this week in Assiniboia when he said a two-price system for wheat was now necessary, with a minimum price of \$3 a bushel for wheat sold domestically in Canada?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I did not understand what the minister was quoted as having said but I will look at both *Hansard* and what he said and then answer as to government policy.

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**COMMUNICATIONS****GOVERNMENT DIRECTION CONCERNING CONTRACTS  
FOR FEEDS FROM BEAVER HARBOUR TRANS-ATLANTIC  
CABLE**

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Minister of Com-

munications since the minister is absent but with good cause. Frankly, I want an answer at ten o'clock.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. McCleave:** Would the minister tell the House whether a government direction has been made with regard to the question of the forthcoming award by the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation of contracts for feeds to this continent from the Trans-Atlantic cable shortly to go into Beaver Harbour, Halifax county? The question has urgency because Treasury Board is now considering the tenders, and the decision may be reflected in hundreds of thousands of telephone bills across Canada.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Ten o'clock.

**Mr. McCleave:** You be there, Mr. Prime Minister, and I will too.

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• (2.30 p.m.)

**PENITENTIARIES****IMPLEMENTATION OF OUIMET COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. Has the interdepartmental committee set up to consider implementation of the Ouimet committee recommendations yet reported to him and, if so, will he be making that report public?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, this committee still meets regularly and over 50 per cent of the recommendations contained in the Ouimet report have already been put into effect. Work is going on for implementing the others, provided they do not conflict with our policy.

[English]

**Mr. Orlikow:** Would the minister consider making a statement on motions at an early date indicating which recommendations of the Ouimet report have been implemented, which, if any, the government rejects, and what steps it proposes to take to get the co-operation of the provinces in implementing those recommendations that require provincial approval?

[Translation]

**Mr. Goyer:** Mr. Speaker, I shall be pleased to send the hon. member as many details as possible.

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[English]

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE****ALLEGED DELAY IN PROCESSING CLAIMS—  
OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO QUESTION  
COMMISSION OFFICERS**

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. In view of the increasing