

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Later:]

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Government House Leader. Would the minister take the House into his confidence and let the House know just who is responsible for arranging organizational meetings of the committees?

**TRANSPORT**DEFENCE OF CTC RAILWAY COSTING  
FORMULA

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Will the Canadian Transport Commission's formula on railway costing, which is now being appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada by the Canadian Pacific Railway, be fully defended by the government and has top legal counsel been employed or will top legal counsel be employed by the government to that end?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice concerning the detail, but as I have said in many answers in respect of the Canadian Transport Commission I think the various procedures are laid out and are well known. However, I shall investigate just how this matter is to be defended before the Supreme Court.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**NEWFOUNDLAND RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM—  
REQUEST FOR REFERENCE TO STANDING  
COMMITTEE

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the criticism that has been levelled against the government's resettlement program in Newfoundland, would the minister agree to have the matter referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I hope the committee will be able to meet as soon as the House returns in January.

[English]

**INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY**

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Given the fact that the Economic Council of Canada estimates that

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somewhat more than one-fifth of all Canadians live in poverty and the fact that the minister knows where it is possible for a Canadian to live on \$30 a week, will the minister inform the House where these places are so that people may move?

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Prime Minister. In view of the Prime Minister's very dismal showing in kicking off the football at last year's Grey Cup game, can he say whether he is taking any lessons for this year's kick-off ceremony? If he should need any lessons I would be very glad to help him out.

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

**FISHERIES**

## WHITEFISH KILL IN KOOTENAY LAKE

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Has the Department of Fisheries completed its investigation of the heavy kill of whitefish which took place in the west arm of Kootenay Lake over two months ago? If so, what was the cause of the heavy fish kill and what steps have been taken or recommended to prevent the recurrence of a similar disaster?

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps this question might be placed on the Order Paper.

**NATIONAL REVENUE**ACCEPTANCE OF WHEAT IN PAYMENT OF  
SUCCESSION DUTY

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know to whom this question should be directed, to the Minister of National Revenue or the Minister of Finance. There is a serious situation on the prairies among farmers whose estates owe succession duty. They have lots of wheat on hand but no money and are unable to get credit. In view of its control over the wheat problem through the Wheat Board, will the government give consideration to the acceptance of wheat in payment of succession duties?

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me that question was asked, perhaps in another form, just recently.