

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 29, 1961

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### FINANCE

#### NAILS—TABLING OF TARIFF BOARD REPORT ON REFERENCE 127

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table copies in English and in French of a report by the tariff board on reference No. 127, which relates to nails of iron or steel. I am also tabling a copy of the transcript of the proceedings at the public hearings on this reference in conformity with section 6 of the Tariff Board Act.

I have had prepared a brief summary of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report. This summary may be of interest to hon. members, and I should be glad to table it if I have unanimous consent to do so. Additional copies will be available to any hon. members who desire them.

### STARRED QUESTIONS

#### AUTOMOBILE FERRY SERVICE, EASTERN NEW-FOUNDLAND-MAINLAND

**Question No. 226—Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

1. Has the report of the interdepartmental committee on the establishment of an automobile ferry service between the mainland and eastern Newfoundland been received by the Department of Transport?

2. If so, did it make any recommendation as to the ports between which such service would operate?

3. Has a final decision been made as to the establishment of this ferry service?

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to parts 1, 2 and 3 is that the report of the interdepartmental committee has been received and is under study. Certain related matters require further clarification before any decision on its recommendations or any statement on the subject can be made.

#### TABLE GLOVE CUTTERS

**Question No. 227—Mr. Forgie:**

1. Is it a fact that (a) there is a shortage of table glove cutters in Prescott, Ontario, and (b) table glove cutters are in receipt of unemployment insurance in the Montreal area?

2. If so, is there any provision by which such a situation can be changed?

**Mr. R. D. Thrasher (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour):** The answer to this question is as follows:

1. (a) The Prescott office of the national employment service has no vacancies listed by local employers at this time for table glove cutters.

(b) Thirteen persons are registered for employment as table glove cutters with the Montreal offices of the national employment service and are in receipt of unemployment insurance benefit.

2. Provision exists through the national employment service system of clearance whereby job opportunities listed with the Prescott office that cannot be filled from local labour supply may be brought to the attention of suitable workers who are registered for employment at other national employment service offices.

#### CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK—PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Question No. 228—Mr. McWilliam:**

1. Has a change of crew affecting 26 persons been effected in the Cape Breton Highlands national park?

2. If so, has the minister received representations from the municipal councillors of the area alleging that established employment procedures in this case have been laid aside and replaced by political considerations?

3. What reply has the minister made to any such representations, and have instructions been issued to restore the former situation?

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):**

1. Yes. It is the policy to change crews from time to time so that the available work is spread around as equitably as possible in the area. I am informed that this policy has been in operation in the Cape Breton Highlands national park for some time.

2. Yes.

3. An interim reply was sent out on March 18. I have asked for further information on the matter to determine that the rotational policy has been equitably followed.

#### ENGINEERING AND ECONOMIC SURVEYS, CHIGNECTO CANAL

**Question No. 229—Mr. McWilliam:**

1. Has the engineering survey of the proposed Chignecto canal been completed?

2. If not, when is it expected it will be completed?

3. If completed, when will the report be tabled in the House of Commons?