

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HIGHWAYS****REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND
TRANS-CANADA ROUTE**

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, on an earlier occasion I asked the Minister of Public Works whether he had any plans for a national highway building conference in order that we could deal with the prospect of building a second trans-Canada highway, with federal government assistance. Is the minister in a position to make any response to that question?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, at this time the answer would have to be the same as I made the last time. There are no plans at present.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Is the minister aware that he gave no answer the last time, but that his parliamentary secretary has drawn this to his attention?

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION****INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF DISPUTE WITH
ARTEC**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that negotiations have been going on for almost a year and a half and there was a final take-it-or-leave-it offer from the C.B.C., can the Minister of Labour advise the house whether he or people from his department are involved in any direct discussion with either the C.B.C. or ARTEC and, if not, will he offer the services and offices of his department to obtain an early settlement of this dispute?

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows that the dispute between ARTEC and the C.B.C. is before a conciliation board headed by Dr. Arthurs. Until I receive a report from the board it would be improper for the minister or anyone in the department to intervene in this dispute. I understand however that the report is due within a matter of days.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, can the minister advise the house whether the conciliation board has ceased conciliation and is bringing down a report because the offer by the C.B.C. was on a take-it-or-leave-it basis?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest that the supplementary question is argumentative.

[Mr. McIlraith.]

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Labour whether he would exercise the now well recognized right of any minister and give advice to the Postmaster General on how he should straighten out the staff problems in that department.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE IN REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE—ORDER DISCHARGED**

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order, which is not a point of order as much as it is a question. I notice on today's order paper a motion standing in the name of the hon. member for Manicouagan (Mr. Blouin), which was presented exactly three months ago. I should like to ask the government house leader when that motion for concurrence will be moved.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to deal with that matter. I have made suggestions to the hon. member's colleagues, to the house leader of his party and to other hon. members opposite that in view of the fact that the first part of that report deals with a motion that has already been passed providing for a study of maritime transportation, and in view of the fact that the second part of the report deals with a non-existent railway company, it seemed to me on the whole preferable that that particular motion be withdrawn.

However, to make it possible for the question to be dealt with which particularly interests the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Schreyer), namely the question of the Great Slave railway, we propose to refer the annual reports of the Canadian National Railways and Air Canada to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications. As I said, I have furnished opposition house leaders with copies of the draft motion, and if it is now found to be generally acceptable that we make such a move, perhaps the hon. member for Manicouagan could be given unanimous consent to withdraw his motion and we could move a motion referring the annual reports to the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is it so ordered by the house.
Order discharged and motion withdrawn.