Inquiries of the Ministry

circumstances I ask the minister whether he is considering stepping into the picture himself, or getting someone else to do so on his behalf?

Mr. Mackasey: I apologize for not having answered the original question fully. I think it is in the best interest of both Air Canada and the machinists, at least for a few days, that they should negotiate in the absence of any representative of the Department of Labour. They concur in this particular philosophy. Since this meeting was arranged mutually, I am hopeful that the spirit of co-operation will continue and that they may be able to arrive at a collective agreement on their own initiative.

Mr. Lewis: I should like to ask the minister this supplementary question. Since the parties are meeting of their own volition, and in view of his decision, which I am prepared to accept without qualification as a wise one at this stage, to let the parties meet on their own, has he arranged for machinery to keep him informed of the progress of the negotiations, so that should there be any danger of a breakdown he will be in a position to intervene before a breakdown actually takes place?

Mr. Mackasey: Both parties have been particularly co-operative in this matter and are aware that the full resources of the Department of Labour are available to either or both sides, if such services are felt to be needed.

CANADIAN CONFEDERATION

MANITOBA-PARTICIPATION BY OTTAWA IN CELEBRATION

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is directed to the Secretary of State and it relates to an important event in Canadian confederation. I refer to the entry of Manitoba into confederation in 1870,—the first "in" province—making possible a Canada from sea to sea. When will the Secretary of State and the government be in a position to announce the extent of Ottawa's financial participation in this historic centennial occasion.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, this matter is being looked into and I hope to be able to inform the house at an early date in this connection.

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: A supplementary question, [Mr. Lewis.]

the Secretary of State, the Prime Minister and indeed all members of the house if they have completed their personal plans to participate in this important event in the keystone province?

[Translation]

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State.

Could he tell us whether it is the intention of the government to subsidize the erection of a monument commemorating Louis Riel, in front of the Manitoba parliament buildings?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think this question should be put on the order paper.

[English]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

H.M.C.S. "BONAVENTURE"-AUDIT OF DAVIE SHIPBUILDING BOOKS

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Supply and Services. Would the minister make available to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the report of the audit team that audited the books of Davie Shipbuilding in regard to the cost of the Bonaventure refit?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that this is a question that should be considered by the committee itself rather than by the house.

THE MINISTRY

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REVISED LIST

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. Would the minister table for the information of the house the revised list of ministers, acting ministers and second acting ministers, as he did earlier in the year, so that we can have a complete rundown?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I would be glad to do that, Mr. Speaker.

AIR TRANSPORT

EXTENDED WORK LOAD OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncion): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport, but in his absence I will direct it to the minister acting in his place. Will the minister undertake to make a statement next week to outline the action that he intends to take to reduce hazards caused to the travel-Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether I could ask ling public by the shortage of air traffic