

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

ment's position with respect to the matters raised in the urgent telegram forwarded today from federal local 173 of the Canadian Labour Congress in Halifax regarding artillery crafts, general trades and labour in H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax.

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board):** The telegram has not yet been brought to my attention. I can assure my hon. friend that it will be dealt with as soon as it is.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS****NOVA SCOTIA—REPORTED PROTESTS  
RESPECTING TRADES TRAINING**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, on April 13 the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria (Mr. Muir) asked me whether I had received a representation from a group of workers of Sydney, Nova Scotia. I did receive such representations complaining of or charging political discrimination at the Canada manpower centre in Sydney and making allegations with respect to training allowances. I have ordered an investigation into those charges. As soon as I have that report I shall inform the house of what has taken place.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****NOTICE IN "VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS" ON  
ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DEFENCE ACT  
DISCUSSION**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister who I presume is now the acting house leader. My question pertains to a notice of motion presented yesterday by the house leader and published in *Votes and Proceedings*. The house leader said that on Thursday next he would move a motion pertaining to closure. The latter part of the notice of motion as printed in *Votes and Proceedings* says:

—that the motion will provide, that two days shall be allocated for the completion of discussion on the committee of the whole stage on Bill C-243, an act to amend the National Defence Act and other acts in consequence thereof (as amended), and that one day shall be allotted for the completion of the third reading stage on the bill.

Sir, the house may be taken by surprise unless those two days refer to two days in May, June, August, October or November, as

[Mr. Forrestall.]

I suggested to the house leader. There is nothing specific in the notice of motion to guide the house. The matter is indefinite and I ask the acting house leader if he can explain this type of invalid notice of motion.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I feel that to explain a notice of motion that is on the order paper would be anticipating a debate and contrary to the rules. I shall, however, ask the house leader if he will communicate with the spokesmen for parties on the other side of the house to clarify any lack of clarity there may be in the matter.

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

**Mr. Churchill:** Will the acting house leader, who as usual is making light of a serious matter, not consider my question? Does the government not wish once again to be extricated from an error? This motion will be invalid if placed on the order paper tomorrow in this wording. We shall accordingly have to protest, to defend the rules of parliament.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** The hon. member should protest at the appropriate time. I can assure him that I will not accept with levity any protest from so experienced a parliamentarian.

**Mr. Churchill:** May I direct a supplementary question on the same subject to the Minister of National Defence. Would the minister not pay serious attention to this matter, if he really intends to apply closure to the bill that has consumed so much of his time recently?

**AGRICULTURE****REQUEST FOR SUBSIDY ON SURPLUS FLUID  
MILK**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat):** I should like to address a question to the acting minister of everything else, which I presume includes agriculture, and ask him what the government's response was or will be to the request that surplus fluid milk be reinstated in the dairy subsidization program.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** I inadvertently misinformed the house; I am not the Acting Minister of Agriculture. My colleague the minister for Indian affairs is, and he is much more experienced than I am.