

Inquiries of the Ministry

PORT ARTHUR—STATEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF EVENING CLASSES FOR WELDERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): I would like to answer a question put to me by the hon. member for Port Arthur yesterday on orders of the day regarding welding classes. The hon. member asked if such classes could be held in the evening for the retraining of people who are employed during the day. I answered that I was not aware of any such representations having been made.

Since then I have found that the hon. member has been in communication with the deputy minister, and I want to say that the classes sponsored by the department are for unemployed workers, whereas the hon. member's question refers to persons with jobs. I would therefore suggest to him that the proper authorities to which this question should be directed would be the local educational authorities in his community. They have the right and the duty to decide as to what type of courses may be made available for evening study programs.

TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINE—INVESTIGATION OF WALK-OUT EAST OF PORT ARTHUR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. W. Martin (Timmins): May I address a question to the Minister of Labour. Has the minister any information as to what is causing the delay in the settlement of the walk-out on the northern Ontario gas pipe line which was supposed to have been settled a week ago Monday?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): We have had discussions, Mr. Speaker, and had arrived at what I considered to be an agreement with the pipe-line operators. The representatives of the unions were contacted and they were very satisfied with the decision as to the increased rate of the classification which is under dispute. The matter rests entirely on an agreement between the pipe-line contractors and the employees.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, MONCTON—EMPLOYMENT IN HUMP YARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. J. Murphy (Westmorland): May I address a question to the Minister of Transport. Will the minister inform the house if the men required in the construction of the new hump yard at Moncton will be employed through the unemployment insurance commission offices or the C.N.R. personnel office, or will they be employed in a way similar to that in which they are employed at the

[Mr. Hees.]

Fundy national park, namely through contact with various organizations?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): I shall get in touch with the management of Canadian National Railways, and when I have an answer I will give it to the hon. member.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHATHAM, ONT.—REQUEST FOR ERECTION OF PROTECTION WALLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. B. Huffman (Kent, Ont.): I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. As a result of the shifting of the river bank adjacent to the public general hospital in Chatham, does the minister now propose to protect the whole area covered in the original plan agreed to by the hospital board and the department?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, if I remember correctly arrangements were made some weeks ago to proceed with the work which had been discussed with me by representatives from Chatham. As for doing any additional work, I do not think that is the responsibility of my department.

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES

REQUEST FOR INCREASED FEDERAL APPROPRIATION FOR BURSARIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I would like to address a question to the Minister of Labour. Has the minister noted the public remarks of Dr. Dunlop, the Ontario minister of education, suggesting that dominion-provincial bursaries should not have this name because only \$100,000 of the \$470,000 appropriation comes from federal sources. If so, is the minister considering any changes or adjustments in the federal appropriation?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having given me notice of this question. My answer is that it is immaterial to me or to my department what name is given to these bursaries, and as for changes or adjustments, naturally they are being constantly reviewed and when decisions are made they will certainly be announced.

POWER

DISPOSITION OF DOWNSTREAM BENEFITS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Lesage (Montmagny-L'Islet): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National