

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Trois-Rivières and Quebec they would have to go from other ports. I would hope that some of the goods might go from Halifax or Saint John. But undoubtedly some exports that would normally go from Montreal over the next three or four weeks might go from American ports.

**INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I know the adjournment debate ended awfully quickly, but I wonder whether anyone on the government side could tell us if the Acting Prime Minister will be in the house to answer questions, or will another minister be designated to answer questions on behalf of the Prime Minister?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, the Acting Prime Minister has unfortunately been called away and will not be here for the next couple of hours.

**INDUSTRY****COPPER—PRICE INCREASE BY  
NORANDA COMPANY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** I am in a bit of a quandary, too, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Registrar General. I will ask it, anyway, because one of the other ministers may be able to answer it, and if not it will appear in *Hansard*. In view of the increase in the price of copper announced by Noranda and now followed by the Hudson's Bay Mining Company, will the minister take action to reconvene immediately the committee on consumer prices so that the effect of these price increases on the general level of prices throughout the economy may be investigated?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

**HOUSING****MONTREAL—HELP FOR FAMILIES LACKING  
ACCOMMODATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of [Mr. Nicholson.]

Labour if he has been approached in any way by the authorities of the city of Montreal for some assistance by the C.M.H.C. in order to assist 150 families to be evicted by the Montreal Catholic School Board?

[*English*]

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** I will have to take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker. I have no knowledge of any such request, but will be glad to look into it.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****CYPRUS—ACCEPTANCE OF DR. MANLIO BROSIO  
AS MEDIATOR**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, whom I presume is the minister directly across from me. It is in reference to the very welcome news of the acceptance of Dr. Manlio Brosio as mediator in Cyprus. Does Dr. Brosio take on this important assignment as long range mediator to settle, hopefully, the dispute? Second, is he also working under the aegis and the good will of the Secretary General of the United Nations?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the terms of reference of Dr. Brosio and therefore cannot answer the first part of the question. I do know he will be working in close co-operation with the Secretary General.

**POWER****COLUMBIA RIVER—DUNCAN DAM—PAYMENTS  
TO BRITISH COLUMBIA**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the deputy acting prime minister—

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

**Mr. Herridge:** —or the appropriate minister. Has the deputy acting prime minister or the appropriate minister anything to inform the house about the \$12 million owed to the government of British Columbia with respect to the Duncan dam, and the interest related thereto?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, payment