Rate Structure on Freight on Maritimes helped to maintain a very high level of defence activity and employment in those provinces, and certainly a higher level of expenditure than might have been the case if special efforts had not been made.

In so far as the recent rates are concerned, I should point out that I have not studied them. This has been suggested to me as a matter of priority. When I have studied them, and also the effect of them on industry and consumers in the maritimes, I will be in a better position to assess the implications so far as the growth and development of the maritime region is concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It being ten o'clock, it is my duty, pursuant to standing order 56(2) to put the motion now before the house.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Batten in the chair.

The Chairman: It being after ten o'clock p.m., shall I rise and request leave to sit again at the next sitting of the house.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.