

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, when my hon. friend talks of a long awaited report I wish to say that in March and April several aspects of the inquiry were reported on by way of interim reports. There has been therefore no undue delay. Dr. Barber's commission has reported on certain aspects that were inquired about in this house earlier this year.

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**NEGOTIATIONS TO PURCHASE FOUR STAR COLLIERY**

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion who reports to this house for the Cape Breton Development Corporation. Is it the intention of the corporation to expand its holdings in Cape Breton through the purchase of Four Star Colliery? Are negotiations in progress towards that end? If the minister does not have the answer at the moment perhaps he can take my question as notice and reply on Monday.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, may I take that question as notice and reply later.

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Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether the Prime Minister's office will be putting out an itinerary of his western visit. I ask this question to enable us to prepare a friendly reception for him.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Korchinski: It will be a friendly reception even though it may not be too elaborate. We do not have too much money out there.

PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION**INTENT ON INSTRUCTION TO SEEK CONCURRENCE IN COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton in his capacity as chairman of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization. Since the hon. member as chairman of the committee was instructed by a majority vote to seek the concurrence of the house in the third report of that committee, may I ask if he is going to carry out that instruction?

[Mr. Southam.]

Mr. D. Gordon Blair (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I think it is a matter of common knowledge that the report made by this committee has been attacked from the very moment of its tabling as a report from one side of the house only. I have already commented on this, and at an earlier stage indicated that in my opinion this is an unfair attack. As to the action which should or can be taken, in the light of all that has developed I must say now that one will have to await the outcome of events.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Blair: I say to my hon. friend that if he will continue to sit with us in the house he will find out what action shall be taken.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. If the hon. member does not intend to carry out the instruction of the committee will he call another meeting of the committee, so that we can decide what course we should take?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

NATIONAL PARKS**NOVA SCOTIA—ACCEPTANCE OF LANDS ON NINETY-NINE YEAR LEASE**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, we are having difficulty in obtaining straight answers from the government.

An hon. Member: Let's have some straight questions from the opposition.

Mr. Stanfield: Keep it up. Keep it up. May I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In negotiations or discussions going on with respect to additional parklands in Nova-Scotia, is the minister prepared to accept a 99 year lease from Nova Scotia, the lease to be entered into under terms similar to those prevailing with respect to the Gaspé park agreement recently entered into?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Leader of the Opposition has asked a question similar to one which was asked on another occasion, at which time the Chair was prompted to suggest that the question might be placed on the order paper.