

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Concerning the town of Temiscaming, where the International Paper Company of Canada closed down some 12 days ago, has the minister any statement to make as to resumption of operations at Temiscaming and has his department made any offers yet to provincial authorities or to groups of businessmen who would be prepared to take over the operation of the plant?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** I know that discussions are under way in this regard, Mr. Speaker, but I shall inquire as to the latest news and I shall be in a position to report to the hon. member on Wednesday.

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**MANPOWER****DISCONTINUANCE OF RELEASE OF FIGURES OF LAY-OFFS OF 50 OR MORE PERSONS**

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. As the Department of Manpower is no longer releasing figures monthly on lay-offs of 50 or more persons, will the minister make a statement giving the reasons for the withholding of this information, as it is affecting the true picture of lay-offs in Canada?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Fundy-Royal.

**Mr. Ryan:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member may ask a supplementary.

**Mr. Ryan:** Mr. Speaker, as the department has ceased, since February, issuing figures with respect to lay-offs of 50 or more persons, will the minister look into the situation and try to reinstitute the former practice?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I will certainly see what was the logic behind any change in policy and report to the House.

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**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****DISPUTE WITH NABET—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS**

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Can the minister announce the settlement of the strike between NABET and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation? If not, has the department's mediator withdrawn his services, or just what is the status of this much too long drawn-out labour dispute?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot, unfortunately, make that announcement today. As to the second part of the question, the two parties are meeting jointly. They met during the weekend and I believe that they have further meetings scheduled.

[Mr. Caouette.]

The federal mediator is not currently meeting with them. He would, of course, be available provided that constructive negotiation is going forward as, indeed, it is now going forward between the two parties.

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**IMMIGRATION****REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO ADMISSION OF PERSHING GERVASIS INTO CANADA**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration which I am sure he expects me to ask him today. In light of the conflicts and contradictions which have arisen in connection with the case of Pershing Gervais, and in light of the minister's refusal to co-operate in having immigration matters referred to a committee of the House, will the minister at least order an independent inquiry into this matter, make available the files of his department and request his predecessor to appear and make a statement to this independent inquiry?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am satisfied with the conduct of my predecessor. If there is any contradiction, it is in the mind of the hon. member who last night quoted the wrong section of the Immigration Act.

**Mr. Baldwin:** But his facts were right.

**Mr. Mackasey:** Second, the estimates of the department were discussed at length last week before the appropriate committee and his party was, of course, well represented. Every opportunity was given to investigate the case. We have nothing to hide at all in the Pershing Gervais case.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. In light of the fact that a crisis does exist, certainly at the ministerial level and below, will the Prime Minister refer this matter to his new crisis centre and will he do this right away before this centre is swamped with work, which obviously will be the case?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**SUICIDE OF ALICIA WIERCIOCH—REASON FOR DEPORTATION ORDER**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. In view of the conflict in the reasons for the deportation order, can the minister, without any equivocation, now advise us as to the original reason for the institution of the deportation order?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I missed the beginning of the question. Will the hon. member please repeat it?

**Mr. Alexander:** In light of the fact there is a conflict as to the reason for the original institution of the deportation order, can the minister, without any equivocation, now