

*The Address—Mr. McGrath***NATIONAL DEFENCE****NORTH BAY—CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FOR
NUCLEAR WARHEADS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Can he inform the house whether facilities for the storage of nuclear warheads are being constructed at North Bay?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of National Defence): This is a question which I would have to look into, Mr. Speaker, in order to give a precise answer. There were, of course, plans with regard to construction at both North Bay and La Macaza of facilities for the storage of nuclear weapons. Whether they have actually been constructed I am not in a position to say without looking into the matter.

Mr. Hellyer: I have a supplementary question. Perhaps the associate minister might have this information at his finger tips.

THE CENSUS**INQUIRY AS TO AVAILABILITY OF
POPULATION FIGURES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce a question. Has he received from the dominion bureau of statistics the population figures from last year's census which are required by the British North America Act for the redistribution of the constituencies represented in this house?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fisher: In view of the urgency of this matter, and in view of the fact that in previous years the statistics were available by this relative time, can the minister indicate when he expects to have the figures available?

Mr. Hees: I shall be glad to get in touch with the dominion statistician and find out when these statistics will be available.

HOUSE OF COMMONS**REPORTED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF MEMBER
FOR BURNABY-COQUITLAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Drysdale (Burnaby-Richmond): I should like to direct a question to the hon. member for Kootenay West. First of all I should like to congratulate him on his elevation to his new position as house leader of his party.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member has gone outside the rules in directing to a private member a question not related to his responsibilities with respect to the public business of the house.

Mr. Drysdale: Mr. Speaker, those remarks were preparatory to the question I wanted to ask the hon. member. I think I am in order under section 175 of Beauchesne's fourth edition, which reads in part as follows:

The strict rule is that no question can be put by one private member to another except on the orders of the day—

Can the hon. member indicate whether the recent intervention of the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam (Mr. Regier) in British Guiana politics—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY**

The house resumed, from Thursday, January 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Rodrigue Bourdages for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

Mr. J. A. McGrath (St. John's East): May I join, Mr. Speaker, with those who have preceded me in this debate in offering congratulations to the mover and seconder of the motion for an address in reply to His Excellency's speech. Both these hon. members acquitted themselves in a most capable manner.

During the course of the remarks of my friend the hon. member for Burin-Burgeo (Mr. Carter), who spoke earlier in this debate, I could not help noticing his reference to the speech from the throne—and I paraphrase the hon. gentleman's remarks—as a Christmas stocking bulging with goodies. My hon. friend is not far from the truth. We have already seen some of the goodies in that Christmas stocking. To the 3,000 surviving members of the Newfoundland overseas forestry unit I will wager that it is the best Christmas gift they have received in a long time. To the two thirds of the population of Newfoundland resident in the Avalon peninsula of my province—I refer to the easternmost part—it has certainly been a memorable Christmas gift. For the first time they have now seen tangible results of efforts on the part of this government to provide the important easternmost part of Newfoundland with communications and transportation to the mainland of Canada. I refer, of course, to the announcement in the speech from the throne that parliament will be asked to authorize the institution of an automobile ferry service