

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

unemployment and when those projects will be initiated?

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**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I assured an hon. member who asked me earlier if I would make a statement in respect of this whole problem that I would do so at the appropriate time, but I do not think it is appropriate for me to deal with a problem of the magnitude mentioned by my hon. friend during orders of the day.

**INDUSTRY**

**LOCATION OF PROPOSED SECOND  
HEAVY WATER PLANT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question has wide Canadian interest but is of specific interest to the province of Saskatchewan. I would like to direct it to the Minister of Industry. Could the minister advise the house whether a decision has been taken as to the location of the proposed new heavy water plant; and if not, when will that decision be taken?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, the bids, or proposals, have only recently been received. They are now under study, and I would hope that as soon as possible an announcement will be made as to the decision reached.

**AUTOMOBILES—POSSIBLE TARIFF ASSISTANCE  
FOR MANUFACTURERS**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Maurice Côté (Chicoutimi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Industry.

Could the hon. minister tell us whether it is true that the government has granted some tariff reductions to the big automobile manufacturers without obtaining their undertaking to follow a definite program which would enable the Canadian automobile industry to develop quickly during the next few years, and could he clear up the mystery which still exists in that connection?

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**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is any mystery surrounding this particular program; it has been a very successful one. However, if the hon. gentleman or other members of the house feel that a statement is warranted, I shall be glad to make one tomorrow.

[Mr. Ricard.]

**NOVA SCOTIA—ASSISTANCE FOR OPENING OF  
NEW COLLIERY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. Could he indicate whether any progress has been made in negotiations with the Dominion Coal Company in respect of assistance in the opening of a new colliery.

**Hon. W. M. Benidickson (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** May I take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker, and perhaps tomorrow I will have a proper answer to it.

**Mr. MacInnis:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would ask the Minister of Labour to handle that question because it is apparent that the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys knows nothing about what is going on. Perhaps while the Minister of Labour is dealing with that question he might answer a question supplementary to the one asked by the hon. member for Grey-Bruce. Does he not think this is an appropriate time to make an announcement as to programs respecting the unemployed?

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Minister of Labour with respect to the question I put to the minister of mines. Is not the Minister of Labour aware of what is the situation, and will he not give some indication of his view so that the situation in Cape Breton—he knows very well what it is—would be somewhat alleviated as a result of a favourable announcement from this government? Would he say something about it?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the situation. I am also aware that the responsibility in this matter rests with the minister of mines, who in accordance with sound parliamentary practice has taken notice of the question and assured my hon. friend of an answer tomorrow.

**Mr. Benidickson:** Mr. Speaker, I may say that I have had no communication during the recess from the hon. member but I will reply tomorrow.

**Mr. MacInnis:** A further supplementary question to the minister of mines. Does he not realize that communication with the minister of mines in this house is most difficult?

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Transport who