

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES—TABLING
OF EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF
MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to lay on the table an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Commissioners of Internal Economy concerning allowances of members of the House.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

AIRPORTS

TORONTO—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCIAL
AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS
ON PROPOSED SITE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In the light of the statement by the minister regarding the proposed new airport for Toronto, is it the position of the government that the Ontario and municipal governments involved should not be consulted as to their views or have any say concerning the location of the site of the airport?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, it is not the intention of the government that they not be consulted. We have already discussed that with the provincial government and at the request of the provincial government of Ontario we have refrained from direct involvement with the municipalities.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister give assurances that this major airport project will not be proceeded with before representatives of the municipal governments and other affected people who live in the area are heard by him, by the government and by the Transport Committee of this House?

Mr. Jamieson: I cannot assure the hon. member that the committee will study the matter, but certainly I can give him an assurance in terms of representations to the government.

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I should like to direct a supplementary question to the minister. In view of the minister's statement on Tuesday with regard to the location of the Toronto airport that if the Ontario and municipal governments want a say in its location they should be prepared to participate in its management and help to cover any operating deficits that are incurred, is it the minister's intention now to advise all municipalities that want to participate in such projects that they will have to take part in the management and share in the operating costs if they want to have a say in the location of such airport installations?

Mr. Jamieson: No, Mr. Speaker, that is not my intention. What I said was that if there was to be local involvement, with which I agree, there should be responsibility along with that and they would have to help in the management. However, in so far as the involvement of municipalities is concerned, I have to advise the House that it is largely up to the provincial governments to decide on the extent to which the municipalities will be involved.

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Can the minister assure the House that we will not have a scenario like the James Bond series in connection with the Ste. Scholastique airport?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPLACEMENT OF TRACKER AND ARGUS
AIRCRAFT

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): May I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In order that it shall not be a *fait accompli* will the minister appear before and advise the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence as to the consideration being given by his department regarding the replacement or otherwise of the Tracker and Argus aircraft?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have the impression that this question should be considered by the committee rather than determined by way of question and answer at this time.

Mr. Winch: In other words it will be a *fait accompli* so far as the committee is concerned.

An hon. Member: He is bilingual.