

up to the expectations which I believe all members of the house have for him.

Last Friday the hon. member for York South questioned the Acting Minister of Transport concerning the extension of flying hours permitted to pilots by the Department of Transport. At that time the acting minister undertook to answer the question. My question to the minister is whether pilots in Canada have been allowed extensions of monthly duty hours as a result of the Air Canada strike.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no, there have been no applications to the department for any change in the maximum hours which form part of the current regulations.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Last Friday the Acting Minister of Transport in reply to my question suggested that it was the Canadian Transport Commission that dealt with this matter. Is this so, and if so can the minister tell us that the commission has not received any such applications?

Mr. Jamieson: To be honest, I am not quite certain myself whether it is the C.T.C. or a group within the Department of Transport. However, I am satisfied that no group that has the necessary authorization to extend hours has done so.

AIR CANADA STRIKE—EXTENSION OF CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES FRANCHISE

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the length of the strike of Air Canada, in regard to which nothing is being done, is the government considering extending the franchise and giving more routes to Canadian Pacific Airlines at this time?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I believe that the information on that has been given to the house on a number of occasions. Any air line is quite free to make application to the Canadian Transport Commission for an extension of routes during the period of the strike, and these applications will be entertained.

Mr. Woolliams: I would ask then whether the minister has received any applications from C.P.A. for a permanent extension. I am not merely referring to temporary extensions.

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Mr. Jamieson: As an hon. member said, this is a different kettle of fish, and I will be glad to look into it.

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister cause to be re-examined the question of permitting a second coast to coast carrier to operate east of Montreal?

Mr. Jamieson: The answer is the same as the one I gave to the hon. member for Calgary North.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Failing this, would the minister and the government give consideration to issuing a D.F.C. to Canadians who have used third class carriers?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether hon. members do not think we might go on to another subject. I see many hon. members are anxious to ask questions. I hope that the next supplementary question is one that can be accepted by the Chair.

SUGGESTED HALIFAX LANDING TO ACCOMMODATE ATLANTIC AREA PASSENGERS

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): I did not extend congratulations in the house to the minister on his appointment, nor have I done so outside the house, so I will not say anything further on this matter at this time. I should like to direct a question to the minister not in regard to C.P.A. but in reference to a question which was directed to the Acting Minister of Transport last Tuesday. If the minister does not have an answer today perhaps he could take it as notice. My question relates to overseas carriers flying over Halifax. Has there been any effort made by C.T.C. or any applications made by these carriers for permission to land in Halifax, now that they are taking off from Montreal and by-passing the east?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I understand that invitations have been given to overseas carriers, or carriers other than Air Canada, that if they wish to apply for landing rights in eastern Canada the C.T.C. will give sympathetic consideration to such applications. Subsequently I asked today that representation be made to such carriers asking that they land not only in Halifax but also in Gander, Newfoundland.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.