

4. The decision whether any follow-up experiments will be required cannot be determined at this time.

GRANTS TO SHERBROOKE AIRPORT

Question No. 2,657—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. With reference to the answer to question No. 2,385, for what reason did the Sherbrooke Airport receive \$106,000 in the fiscal year 1978-79?
2. Were requests made for assistance in the fiscal years (a) 1979-80 (b) 1980-81 and were they turned down and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Sherbrooke Airport received \$106,000 in 1978/79 which represents 90 per cent of the \$118,000 cost of temporary repairs as follows:

	Cost
Repairs to runway	\$60,000
Runway lights	\$33,000
Access roads	\$25,000
	\$118,000

2. Requests for assistance were turned down in 1979/80 and 1980/81 because the capital assistance program had been terminated.

MISS NANCY JAMIESON

Question No. 2,707—**Mr. Corbett:**

1. Is Miss Nancy Jamieson employed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and, if so (a) in which position (b) what is her present employment status (c) is she on sabbatical and, if so, for how long and for what purpose (d) what is her job description?
2. Was she hired through Public Service competition or by ministerial appointment?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Miss Nancy Jamieson is not employed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

MOTION RESPECTING SUMMER RECESS

The House resumed, from Friday, July 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. Pinard:

That, when the House adjourns on the day this order is adopted, it shall stand adjourned until Wednesday, October 14, 1981, provided that at any time prior to that date, if it appears to the satisfaction of Madam Speaker, after consultation

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with the government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, Madam Speaker may give notice that she is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

That, in the event of Madam Speaker's being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees or the Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees shall act in her stead for all the purposes of this order.

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Madam Speaker, I rose on the adjournment debate last Friday, my leader had just indicated the determination of the Progressive Conservative Party to keep Parliament in session until we had an indication of a serious determination to restore mail service in the country.

Last Friday there was a postal deadlock; neither the government nor the union showed any movement toward settling the strike. Thousands of Canadians were left without hope that there would be an early restoration of their mail services. We insisted that Parliament stay and do its duty to Canadians.

As a direct result of our keeping Parliament at work, there have been three major developments in the postal situation. First, the parties agreed to negotiate about mediation. Second, that negotiation was successful and mediation was agreed to. Third, an excellent mediator has been named in the person of Judge Alan Gold.

One thing is crystal clear. If Parliament had gone home, there would have been no mediation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Fennell: If Parliament had gone home, we would have been no further ahead today than we were last Friday. The very presence of Parliament doing its duty led to mediation, and my party and I are proud that we achieved that result.

We want the mediation process to proceed. We know Judge Gold cannot meet the parties until tomorrow. We hope he will find success in this work as he has found such distinguished success in other work in the labour field. He is a first-class choice. The question is whether the two parties, the union and the government, are entering this negotiation determined to find a settlement. We hope they are. We look forward to seeing the spirit in which they meet Judge Gold tomorrow.

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We believe Parliament has a duty to encourage both parties to enter into the mediation in good faith. Parliament also has a duty to monitor the attitude of the union and the government, and to ensure that mediation is successful. My party and I look forward to the meeting between Judge Gold and the parties tomorrow. We hope it will result in a settlement.

In order to avoid in any way impeding successful mediation my party deliberately did not raise any question today about the postal situation during question period. We intend not to discuss the postal situation in the adjournment debate today or tomorrow, except to point out Parliament's presence. We are determined to make the mediation process work. We hope the government and the union share in that determination.