

Inquiries of the Ministry

important at the moment than the elimination of water pollution and the right to ask a question about it, which I think is the right of all members of parliament.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I recognize that to the hon. member this is a very important matter, but the hon. member must also recognize that many important questions are asked on the order paper, and I suggest to him that this is one of them.

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—GRANT TO CREAM PRODUCERS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Would he consider taking away the administrative responsibilities for cream production from the Minister of Agriculture and transferring them to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion so that cream producers might receive a grant or other assistance for doing the very thing that they are told by the Minister of Agriculture that they should not do?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

AIRPORTS

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—PROGRAM TO EXTEND FACILITIES

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the still unspoiled Minister of Transport. As a result of his recent visit to Prince Edward Island is he in a position to give assurance that there will be some acceleration in the long-grounded program to upgrade and extend the facilities of the Charlottetown airport?

Hon. Donald S. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is one of the matters I discussed with the premier and other officials of Prince Edward Island yesterday, and we reached some very satisfactory conclusions.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has he received an invitation from that authority on music and world travel, Mr. John Lennon, and if so does he plan to participate in his peaceful lie-in?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

[Mr. Hees.]

[Translation]

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENTLOWER POSTAL RATE FOR MAGAZINE
"L'ENSEIGNEMENT"

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Communications.

Mr. Raymond Laliberté, president of the Quebec Teachers Corporation, recently wrote to the Minister of Communications to inform him that the periodical *L'Enseignement* would likely disappear because of increased postal rates. Would the minister consider granting a special status or a special rate to that publication, which is most important for Quebec teachers?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): No. Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I was about to suggest that I do not think it is in order to ask questions about every Canadian publication. Such questions should normally be put on the order paper.

[English]

FINANCE

REQUEST FOR STUDY OF INTEREST RATES BY STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of this morning's report that the Toronto-Dominion Bank had profits in the first quarter of this year some 25 per cent to 26 per cent higher than in the same period last year, will the minister give consideration to referring the entire matter of interest rates to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs for study and recommendation?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, of course I will give consideration to any suggestion made by my hon. friend. I would suggest, however, that next week we will have a budget debate and that would be a perfectly opportune moment to express opinions in this regard, as undoubtedly hon. members will.

Mr. Lewis: In view of the fact that the debate next week will be on the budget, whatever that may contain, may I ask the minister whether it is his intention to take such action as may bring the interest rates in Canada down, either by re-imposition of a ceiling or by some other control over the climbing interest rate.