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PUBLIC SERVICE

MONTREAL—REPLACEMENT OF CHIEF OF
VETERINARY HYGIENE BRANCH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. O. Latour (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

To provide for the replacement of Dr. Labelle, head of animal health division, Department of Agriculture, Montreal office, the civil service commission has announced competition number 61-P-AGR-24.

Could the minister tell me the names and addresses of all the applicants and also whether all the candidates have been properly called before the civil service commission and heard by the members of the commission or their deputies?

Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I shall take this question as notice and see to what extent it can be answered.

Mr. Latour: Mr. Speaker, as a supplementary question, could I ask the minister—

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member's question has been taken as notice, and a supplementary question would not be appropriate.

(Translation):

LIVESTOCK

QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO POSITION
RESPECTING HOG CHOLERA

Mr. J. O. Latour (Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Agriculture, or whoever replaces him, a question?

An epizootic disease called "hog cholera" has been noted in the province of Quebec for several months. According to available information from other quarters, Dr. Troalen of Montreal, an official of the animal health division of the Department of Agriculture is responsible for research with regard to the cause and cure of epizootic disease.

On April 12 last I wrote to the Minister of Agriculture asking for a report on the situation. Would he inform us now whether he is going to produce it in the near future?

(Text):

Mr. L. E. Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture): I did not receive notice of this until after I came into the house. I will have an answer prepared later.

Inquiries of the Ministry

THE CENSUS

POSSIBLE USE OF INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL
PURPOSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I see that both the Minister of Trade and Commerce and his parliamentary secretary are away today; nevertheless I should like to put this question and ask if the minister would consider making a more specific and thorough statement on the information gained by the census figures to be taken next month, in view of the general speculation and criticism in many parts of the country that this information may be used for political purposes.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I doubt very much whether that question is in order at this time, but I will refer it to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

AIRPORTS

LAKEHEAD—TENDERS FOR EXTENSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Transport. On March 2, in the course of an address to the annual meeting of the Fort William chamber of commerce, the minister made a statement to the effect that an extension to the lakehead airport costing approximately \$650,000 would be made this spring.

Can the minister inform the house whether tenders have been called in connection with this project and, if so, whether any contracts have been awarded?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): It is a fact that I made such a statement, but unfortunately there have been several revisions to requirements, particularly in connection with operational requirements for such facilities as telecommunications and traffic control, and this has delayed final layout planning. The project is still on our active list for tender call later during the current fiscal year. It has reached the stage of readiness for submission to treasury board for approval in principle of size and cost involved.

TRANSPORT

RICHELIEU WATERWAY—FORMATION OF JOINT
CANADA-U.S. COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Johnson (Chambly-Rouville): I had a question to address to the Prime Minister, but in his absence, since it deals with external affairs, I should like to address it to the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary