

Inquiries of the Ministry

necessary to meet it. These instructions are now in application, and refugees in Europe will be treated under these relaxed provisions.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**CHURCHILL, MAN.—NEGOTIATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNSITE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he is in a position at this time to indicate when representatives of his government will be ready to confer with representatives of the province of Manitoba in relation to the recommended development of the townsite of Churchill, Manitoba?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I talked to the premier of Manitoba quite recently, and I indicated to him as I indicate to the house that I will look into this. It is a new problem for me, but not for the government. We will make sure that any undue red tape is cut away and that the matter is dealt with expeditiously.

TRANSPORT**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAUSEWAY—INQUIRY AS TO PROGRESS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpègue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Public Works and ask when he will be in a position to make a statement with regard to the progress being made as to means which will be used by the government to honour its commitment to build a causeway to Prince Edward Island.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I thought the hon. member might have addressed this question to his colleague the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie), who I think made a statement on this subject the other day. I want to tell the house that the hon. member for Hillsborough apparently knows more than I do.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Coates: What else is new?

Mr. Laing (Vancouver South): I am surprised that hon. members opposite applaud [Mr. MacEachen.]

a statement by a member of their party that the project is not being proceeded with. I would assure the house that this matter is under continuing and most intense study in relation to other projects that are contemplated to relieve the economic situation in that area. When a decision is taken, I am quite certain it will be made in this house.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I would ask the minister what he did with McNaughton's bulldozer.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

AIR TRANSPORT**PROTECTION AGAINST PASSENGERS CARRYING WEAPONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the unpleasant habit of hijacking aircraft has now spread to Canada, would the minister look into the possibility of ensuring that passengers armed with dangerous weapons do not go aboard aircraft?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this would be extremely difficult to do, but I can assure my hon. friend that all the people concerned about this trend, the air line pilots, the Department of Transport, the air lines themselves and the Canadian Transportation Commission, are continuously monitoring every possible, reasonable step that can be taken in this regard. I think my hon. friend will appreciate the difficulties involved. The people concerned in this sort of situation are usually, in a sense, irrational, and it is very difficult to preconceive all the circumstances under which an incident might arise.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AT CONFERENCES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In the light of the conferences which are currently taking place under the Indian Act, which are attended by native Indian people and officials of the Indian affairs branch, will the minister take steps