

[English]

EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT OF CANADIAN SCHOLARS IN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to my fellow egghead, the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It follows up a question asked by the Leader of the Opposition regarding the very serious problem apparently facing Canadian scholars seeking appointments in the universities of this country. Can the minister advise if the government is taking steps to ensure that a high proportion of the staffs of Canadian universities will be composed of persons educated in Canadian graduate schools, or of Canadian nationals trained abroad?

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I venture to suggest that this question is of very wide scope and ought to be placed on the order paper.

TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO RAILWAY SAFETY

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the minister's answer on May 13 with regard to railway safety and in view of still another derailment of a Canadian National freight train in Brampton on Monday, attributable to a broken axle, will the minister now tell the house whether he is to initiate a public inquiry into railway safety?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker. No such decision has been made.

Mr. Skoberg: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister make representations to the Canadian National and ask them to curtail further reductions in car and roadbed maintenance personnel until such a decision is made.

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to see that the request is passed on to the Canadian National.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

CORNER BROOK, NFLD., BUS ACCIDENT

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Realizing how eager our new minister is to become

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involved at the earliest opportunity in matters of trains, buses and transport in Newfoundland, will he undertake to fulfil the commitment of his temporary predecessor—I am referring to the hon. member sitting to his immediate right and not to the one sitting on the far left—on April 30 and report on the result of the investigation into the recent, serious Canadian National bus accident in Newfoundland?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to look into this.

AIR TRANSPORT

ADDITIONAL COAST TO COAST CARRIERS

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Now that the Air Canada matter seems settled may I ask the minister when we can expect the government's answer to the question of opening the door to further coast to coast air carriers in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order please. That question is of very wide scope and involves questions of general policy. I do not think it can be asked at this time.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, the minister seemed to want to answer.

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MAINLAND CHINA—INQUIRY RESPECTING CANADIAN RECOGNITION

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, I will direct my question to the Prime Minister.

After the start of the negotiations between Communist China and the representatives of Canada, did the Prime Minister receive any indications that an agreement could be worked out soon between Communist China and Canada in connection with the diplomatic recognition of that country by Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): If the agreement can be arrived at soon—?

Mr. Asselin: —if the talks will soon lead to negotiations on the matter of the recognition of Communist China by Canada?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I cannot foresee how long it will take, but the talks are going on pretty well.