

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

If that entails legislation the government would consider it, and hopefully, this year.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary on the same subject to the Prime Minister. Can the right hon. gentleman inform the house whether it is the intention of the government to implement a recommendation by a member of the Fisheries Research Board that the government ought to establish a single federal agency to deal with the problems of pollution across the country, or is that agency now in the Department of National Health and Welfare?

**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, so far as one over-all agency to deal with this question is concerned, that would be a decision for the government to make. As the situation now stands the studies on air pollution are being conducted in the Department of National Health and Welfare. We have been doing quite a bit of work in this field up to the present time. We have been discussing the matter with the provinces and, as I say, subject to getting agreement on certain standards in our consultation with the provinces, perhaps we might be able to bring in legislation this year.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct another supplementary question, this time if I may to the Minister of Justice. Will his department look into the allegations contained in the report of the International Joint Commission and consider laying charges against the two corporations for polluting the St. Marys' River, if they are doing so as alleged by the commission, and will any other steps be taken to follow up that disclosure by this important international body?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Yes, sir, we will certainly look into it. If charges are to be laid the matter might well fall within the purview of the provincial attorney general.

[Translation]

**AIRPORTS****QUEBEC—LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Transport. Can he tell the house if he will make investigations on the mining rights presently owned by some financiers in the far north of Quebec, who are not only interested in seeing the future international

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airport built on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, in order to meet their needs better, but who have recently paid the cost of a study conducted by a certain firm in collaboration with five federal members of parliament, in order to prove that the future international airport should be located at Sainte-Scholastique, in the constituency of Deux-Montagnes?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member can ask a question but not make a speech.

**Mr. Rondeau:** Mr. Speaker, I only wish to know whether the Minister of Transport intends to make investigations, in order to find out the relation between the possession of mining rights and the study now in progress, the object of which is to prove that Sainte-Scholastique should be chosen as the site of the future international airport.

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Without prejudice to you and without judging your intervention, I think that the question that you let go unanswered is in order, and I suggest that the Minister of Transport would be in a position to answer it. We are therefore expecting an answer from him.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[English]

**AIR TRANSPORT****CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS BEFORE IATA RESPECTING HIJACKING**

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Earlier this session a question was asked of the minister regarding what the government proposed to do to prevent the hijacking of aircraft. The minister said the matter was under consideration. I now ask the minister what proposals if any Canada is putting before the present meeting of IATA in Montreal regarding the prevention of hijacking of aircraft.

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** I will have to take that question as notice. I am not sure whether or not there are any formal proposals being put forward. I can say however, that this is a matter of continuing concern, particularly in view of the large number of hijackings which have taken place in the last few months.