

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

AIRPORTS

QUEBEC—LOCATION OF FUTURE AIRPORT

Mr. André Fortin (Loûbinière): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

In view of the fact that more than 650 municipalities have sent resolutions and recommendations in favour of the site proposed by the Drummondville municipality for the international airport, could the Minister of Transport tell us whether those resolutions are to be compiled and examined and whether those municipalities will get an answer from the government?

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): All representations are considered, Mr. Speaker. If the municipalities have sent in individual representations, I would expect they would in fact be acknowledged.

[Translation]

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

EMPLOYMENT OF ROD SERVICE PERSONNEL

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Postmaster General.

In view of the statement he made yesterday that 27 of the 110 employees laid off by Rod Service Limited had been hired by the Post Office Department, could the minister tell us whether the other 83 can also be hired by the Post Office Department in the near future?

Mr. Speaker: I think that the question could be put on the order paper or discussed at the time of adjournment.

EXHIBITIONS

REQUEST FOR DECISION ABOUT MAN AND HIS WORLD

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Since the cabinet made him responsible for advising it concerning the decision of the federal government about a contribution for the financing of "Man and His World", I would like to know whether the minister is now in a position to announce the decision of the government? If not, when will he be in a position to do so?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I am suppose to meet the provincial and municipal authorities this evening, Mr. Speaker.

What I will now say is especially for the information of the press. If the decision is favorable, there will be a press conference. If not, there will not be any.

Mr. Asselin: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

If the decision is not favourable, does the minister intend to make statement tomorrow in order to explain the reasons?

Mr. Speaker: Order. In my opinion, the question is hypothetical.

[Later:]

Mr. Gérald Laniel (Beauharnois): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It follows up the one raised earlier by the hon. member for Charlevoix.

Is the minister aware that only Montreal tax-payers are eligible for jobs at "Man and His World". So if the federal government is willing to grant some assistance to the city of Montreal for such an undertaking, does not the minister agree that such a restriction should be removed?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has made to the minister representations which have been noted.

[English]

GRAIN

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN DRYING OPERATION

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the recent statement by the National Farmers Union that under present government policy in regard to drying grain, an estimated 100 million bushels of grain will be lost through spoilage, is the government contemplating any further increase in financial assistance or any other measures to forestall such a catastrophe?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, whether any grain spoils or does not spoil, there will be no connection between such event and federal government policy. The fact is that the federal government has been very helpful in co-ordinating, to some extent with the provinces, maximum use of grain dryers on farms, as well as