

Inquiries of the Ministry

there is a complex reorganization under way. It is not something that can be answered within the framework of a normal verbal answer in the House. I have said I will make the report available to the House when it is received.

Mr. McCleave: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the biggest trumpeter on that side of the House.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has the floor.

Mr. MacInnis: I ask the minister if the reorganization within Air Canada makes it necessary for Air Canada to appoint 22 vice-presidents where 6 have heretofore served?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer that. The annual report will be referred and the hon. member will have an opportunity before the committee to ask all the questions he wishes.

Mr. MacInnis: A supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I indicated to hon. members a moment ago that a number of supplementaries have been asked on the subject of Air Canada. Other hon. members should be given a chance to ask questions on other subjects. If we have time I certainly will not fail to return to the hon. member.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege because of answers provided in this House by the Minister of Transport in respect of Air Canada. A number of questions, including the one regarding the transfer of the regional office, have been asked of this same minister. I have asked questions with respect to an agreement worked out between Eastern Provincial Airways and Air Canada. It is in the written record that the minister informed me he knew nothing of this arrangement; yet the minister and other members of the House were aware that at that time Eastern Provincial Airways was wining and dining Members of Parliament in Ottawa. The minister knew about that and—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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Mr. MacInnis:—his answer to me at that time was a downright lie.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member knows that he cannot accuse another member, whether or not he is a minister, of telling a lie in the House.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member used words which went beyond his thoughts and I ask his co-operation in this regard.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I can turn to precedents which show that a Prime Minister lied in the House. I have no intention of withdrawing something I can prove by the written record.

Some hon. Members: Throw him out!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has to withdraw. I again ask the co-operation of the hon. member. He cannot accuse another member of lying.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I may not be able to accuse him so for the moment I will say that I withdraw that particular statement. But I will take the first opportunity to put his contradictions on the record.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I thank the hon. member for his co-operation. I say this sincerely.

CANADA SHIPPING ACT

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS—ESTABLISHMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL AREA ON ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC COASTS

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I assure Your Honour it is on a different topic. With reference to the amendments to the Canada Shipping Act which the minister stated he intends to propose to the House, can he say whether the terms of the bill will parallel the terms of the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Bill to the extent of providing a pollution control area extending 100 miles seaward on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Canada?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the drafting of this measure is not completed. I think I can assure the hon. member this will not be part of the amendments to the Canada Shipping Act.