

ment. I have in my hand a Cabinet document marked "Confidential", dated September 16, 1983, entitled "Special Recovery Capital Projects Program", and under a section entitled "Status of Preliminary Project Approvals" it states that, with two exceptions, preliminary project approval has now been given to all the—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member will please refrain from quoting from documents and go immediately to a question.

Mr. Nielsen: Why not? Is that a new rule?

Mr. Corbett: Madam Speaker, in view of the fact the Minister brought to the attention of his Cabinet colleagues that it was the Minister responsible for Public Works who was foot dragging and abrogating his responsibility to the residents of New Brunswick, I ask him if he would now give assurance to the tens of thousands of unemployed people in that Province, including the 76.8 per cent of the construction work force who are jobless in the city of Saint John, that these projects will indeed be implemented, with or without the approval of the Minister responsible for Public Works?

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Madam Speaker, I have some difficulty in understanding what the Hon. Member is referring to.

Mr. Stevens: You usually do.

Mr. Johnston: When this question was addressed to me the other day I pointed out that people in New Brunswick, I believe, are very happy, as I am sure he is, with the enormous amount of work which has gone into that Province under the Special Recovery Capital Projects.

You can ask the people of New Brunswick about route 11, about Newcastle, and about the Moncton Core development, or about the Saint John drydock, which I know is a matter of concern to them. Ask them about the Maritime Forestry Research Institute. I have not heard the Hon. Member for York-Sunbury complaining about that. It is in Fredericton and is one of the most important research institutes going in under this program. Ask them about the Forest Rangers School. As I recall, that is in New Brunswick. So I do not understand what the Hon. Member is talking about.

Mr. Corbett: Madam Speaker, that is ridiculous. He indicates everything is tickety-boo in New Brunswick, and he knows full well that is not the case.

REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL ACTION

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, will the Minister go down there and ask the four or five hundred people about to be laid off from the Saint John drydock what they think of his program, or the 3,500 people about to be laid off in Chatham, New Brunswick? Will he go down there and clean up that mess in New Brunswick which the Minister

Oral Questions

responsible for Public Works is either unwilling or unable to do?

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Madam Speaker, it is true I have not had the opportunity of asking all the people in New Brunswick, but I have had the opportunity of asking the Premier of New Brunswick and he seems to be very happy with the Program, very pleased with it, as a matter of fact. My colleague, the Minister of Public Works, participated in that meeting, and I am sure that if the people of New Brunswick really felt the concerns expressed by the Hon. Member, the Premier might have raised them with us during that meeting.

* * *

AIR CANADA

SELECTION OF MONTREAL HEADQUARTERS—MINISTER'S STATEMENTS ON RCMP INVESTIGATION

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. I am sorry the Solicitor General is not here but I am sure the Minister of Justice will have seen today's media reports which state that the Solicitor General said yesterday the RCMP submitted a report to the federal Government on the investigation into alleged improprieties in the selection of Air Canada's new headquarters office in Montreal.

The Minister will recall yesterday he informed this House, as reported at page 27940 of *Hansard*, in responding to a question by the Hon. Member for Annapolis Valley-Hants, that "the investigation is not entirely complete in all respects".

One of those statements is false. Is it the statement of the Solicitor General or is it the statement of the Minister of Justice that is false?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Madam Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for raising the point. I advised the Hon. Member for Annapolis Valley-Hants this morning, and I notified the Chair, that I would be rising at three o'clock to say that after Question Period yesterday I learned from my departmental officials that the RCMP have now in fact completed that investigation into the purchase by Air Canada of its new headquarters site in Montreal. They have communicated their findings to the Department of the Attorney General of Quebec. The matter is therefore now entirely in the hands of the Attorney General of Quebec.

POSITION OF CHAIRMAN

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Madam Speaker, I fully expect that the Minister has read the report, and I fully expect the Minister of Transport has read the report. Quite apart from any recommendations which may exist in that report with respect to the laying of criminal charges, can the Minister of Transport tell us whether there is anything in that report