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SPORTS

NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM—INQUIRY AS TO
POSSIBLE CHANGE

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Considering the poor standing of the national hockey team during the last world tournament, is it true that the minister is ready to announce changes likely to ensure a better Canadian performance in the future?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is asking the minister to confirm or deny a report or a rumour. I do not think the question as asked is in order.

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PRESENTATION OF MUSICAL RIDE IN
ENGLAND

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Thank you for recognizing me again, Mr. Speaker. I wish to direct my question to the Solicitor General, since I know he is interested in cutting out waste. My question has to do with the visit of the R.C.M.P. to England, where they will partake in a musical ride. I understand that 14 constables have already arrived in the old country—

Mr. Speaker: Order please. The hon. member at this time must not make a speech, even if it is a musical speech. He ought to ask a question.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, since 14 constables have arrived in England may I ask the Solicitor General, where are the horses?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, they are in the United Kingdom.

AGRICULTURE

POTATOES—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON
ASSISTANCE TO P.E.I. GROWERS

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. It has to do with the comprehensive development plan of which the federal government is a signatory, and to which it will contribute something. Have the minister's officials had

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occasion recently to contact responsible provincial officials with regard to bringing immediate assistance to some persons engaged in a basic industry covered by the plan, namely, the agricultural industry. In short, are there any plans to assist farmers engaged in potato growing.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. Is the hon. member asking a question.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wish to know whether the minister or his officials have been discussing with provincial officials the question of providing assistance under the plan I referred to for potato growers.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, personally, I have not discussed the matter. As regards officials of my department, I shall inquire before replying to the hon. member.

THE MINISTRY

SPEECH TO QUEBEC EAST LIBERAL
ASSOCIATION

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to our honourable and fearless Secretary of State.

In a speech he delivered before the Quebec East Liberal Association, he is reported as having said that the western world has received—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but I have to remind him that he cannot ask questions referring to speeches delivered by ministers outside the house. He can only ask the Prime Minister whether a speech made outside the house reflects government policy.

Mr. Schreyer: Mr. Speaker, according to the English text, the minister is reported as having said, and I quote:

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I am afraid the question cannot be asked in this way.

Mr. MacInnis: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order please. The original question was not allowed; therefore there can be no supplementary.