

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. A question asked in those terms cannot be accepted. The hon. member is asking whether the minister is aware of a situation. This is perhaps the same form used by the previous questioner. Questions asked in those terms are not acceptable at this time.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Perhaps I could rephrase the question. Has the minister taken any steps to send official Eskimo representatives to this conference taking place in France next week?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, a delegation will proceed next week to Le Havre and Rouen, and one of the delegates is Mr. Michael Salomoni, an Eskimo, an elected representative of Eastern Arctic.

[English]

### PESTICIDES

#### DDT—DISPOSAL OF STOCKS ON HAND

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources related to the recent announcement of a major ban on the use of DDT and the developing concern about the disposal of stocks on hand. Are any arrangements being made by the government for collection of excess stocks of DDT so that they will not be dumped into rivers or thrown out in the garbage?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, since the question of the disposal of such stocks affects several government departments that have made a practice in the past of using this chemical, there will be an investigation and review at the interdepartmental level to determine a proper course of action for all departments regarding disposal of these stocks.

**Mr. Aiken:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister be kind enough to make a report on this matter as soon as a decision has been reached?

**Mr. Greene:** I will be glad to consider that suggestion, Mr. Speaker.

### TRANSPORT

#### BORDEN-CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE— PROVISION OF RESERVE FERRY

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** I rise only to ask the Minister of Transport whether he

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is in a position to answer the question his Parliamentary Secretary took as notice yesterday.

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The question had to do with provision of a standby service in regard to crossings to Prince Edward Island during the winter months. I should like to look into this matter in greater detail. I understand provisions have been made in this connection but I cannot answer fully at this time. I shall try to get a written answer to my hon. friend in a few days.

### FORESTRY

#### VOLUNTARY BAN ON EXPORT OF LOGS

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry and since I do not see his Parliamentary Secretary in the chamber, may I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister to take as notice, or perhaps the acting minister could deal with the matter. It concerns the continuation of the voluntary export ban on logs on the Pacific coast, imposed last spring, which was to have ended on September 1. It is extremely important to the forest industry to know whether or not the ban is being extended. Has the acting minister any information with regard to this question?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Acting Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, I do not have any information but I will bring the matter to the attention of the minister.

### AIRPORTS

#### MANITOBA—ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCE IN BUILDING STRIPS

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that one of the many greatly needed airstrips for isolated areas in northern Manitoba has now been licensed at Norway House, is consideration being given by the federal government to making a financial contribution to assist in the cost of other airstrips being built by the provincial northern affairs department?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This question should be placed on the order paper.