As for the second part of the telegram, it has been considered—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

OMISSION OF THE WORD "ROYAL" FROM ADVERTISING
OF MILITARY COLLEGES

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on Thursday of this week the hon. member for Frontenac-Lennox and Addington asked the Prime Minister about the use of the word "royal" in references to Canadian military colleges and, in particular, asked why the expression "royal" had not been used in certain advertisements. The inquiry I made indicates there are no plans whatsoever to change the names of any of the Canadian military colleges. There is no plan to change the name of Royal Roads at Victoria, British Columbia, the Royal Military College at Kingston or the Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean, Quebec. Since 1948, when referring to these colleges collectively in advertisements, it has been the practice to call them Canadian service colleges or, latterly, Canadian military colleges. However, when the colleges are referred to individually their proper names are used and the full title continues to be maintained in advertisements at the present time.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REQUEST THAT EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS BE COMPUTED ON BASIS OF 2 PER CENT PER YEAR OF SERVICE— REPRESENTATIONS BY MINISTER

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that Air Canada is now computing the pensions of all its employees on the basis of 2 per cent for each year of service, will the minister ask Canadian National Railways when it will take similar action and raise the basis of its pension plan from 1½ per cent to 2 per cent?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will ask them, and when a reply is received I will pass it on to the hon. member.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): If the answer of the Canadian National is not yet favourable, will the minister make representations that the CNR take such action?

Mr. Jamieson: I shall be very glad to do what I can in that regard.

Inquiries of the Ministry

AIR TRANSPORT

DISCUSSION WITH AIRLINES OF SECURITY MEASURES TO MEET BOMB THREATS

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transport. In light of the request by President Nixon that American airlines meet to discuss further security measures arising out of the incident last week, and in light of the incident at Windsor last night when Air Canada received a bomb threat to its aircraft, can the minister tell us whether he is also having a meeting of Canadian air lines and dealing with this problem in conjunction with the United States?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer to both parts of the question is yes. Meetings have taken place between officials of the Department of Transport and representatives of the Canadian airlines. We are also involved not only bilaterally with the United States but with IATA and the various international organizations which are attempting to cope with this problem. As a general rule, our procedures at the moment and our general approach are much in line with those of the United States.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): The question does not refer to the hijacking of aircraft. It has to do with the placing of bombs and the holding up of aircraft for ransom.

Mr. Jamieson: That is the subject I had in mind when I made my reply.

GRAIN

POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF STABILIZATION PROGRAM DURING PRESENT SESSION OF HOUSE

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. Bearing in mind the statement made recently to the Saskatchewan outlook conference that farmers can look forward to large grain exports at low prices, is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation this session to establish a realistic and economically viable grains stabilization program?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): I am certainly touched by the hon. member wanting a stabilization plan, after what was said earlier about such a plan by hon. members opposite.

It is unlikely we shall be able to find time in the immediate future to come forward with a stabilization plan, but it is certainly my view that protection against international market conditions is extremely important and I hope to be able to introduce legislation along those lines at least within a year or so.

Mr. Baldwin: Will it be a more intelligent plan than the one the government tried to introduce last session?