Oral Questions

Science and Technology (Mr. Johnston) sponsored the Canada Tomorrow Conference at a cost of over half a million dollars, to discuss the possible implementation of high-tech applications in Canadian industry.

I would like to bring to the attention of the House an example of the effects of high-technology applications when undertaken with little consideration of the human costs involved. In Midland, Ontario, on Friday, January 13, Bell Canada will close down an office and displace 15 operators. Of course the company will continue to receive its money from Midland, but it will provide 15 fewer jobs in a community which is already hard strapped. Bell Canada has still not announced whether Clinton, Lindsay, Beaverton, and Peterborough will not also be so blessed by the same benefits of its new high-technology applications.

New technology, imposed without consultation and control by workers and smaller communities, has a potential to impose great human and economic suffering. Government has a responsibility to pass legislation to ensure workers some right of control and adequate notice of new technology, especially as, in the case of Bell, the company that is supposed to be government regulated.

**AIRPORTS** 

LESTER B. PEARSON—RENAMING OF TORONTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Douglas Fisher (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, last night the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) announced the Government's intention to rename the Toronto International Airport.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Fisher: The newly-named Lester B. Pearson International Airport—

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fisher: —is proudly located in my riding of Mississauga North.

Mr. McDermid: Wait til Hazel McCallion, the Mayor of Mississauga, gets hold of you.

Mr. Fisher: Lester Pearson built his reputation on high personal and political principles. He was a proud Canadian, as well as a peacemaker and a citizen of the world. His personal generosity was his hallmark, and he used our country's great wealth to build the social safety nets we all enjoy today. The people of Mississauga North welcome the opportunity to honour this great Canadian in our city.

[Translation]

## AIR TRANSPORT

BETTER FARES URGED FOR PUBLIC

Mr. André Maltais (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Madam Speaker, today, I would like to raise the issue of air transportation along the Middle and Lower North Shore and to Northern communities, and also I suppose to the Gaspé peninsula and the Magdalen Islands. Since the Canadian Government through Transport Canada is subsidizing air transportation along the Middle and Lower North Shore to the tune of some \$600,000 a year, I would ask the Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy) to check with Quebecair and see that the said annual grant is passed on through the rate restructure that will be proposed by the company. Madam Speaker, the problem along the Middle and Lower North Shore is that a return ticket between Blanc-Sablon and Montreal costs \$695, with somewhat similar fares from Chêvrerie, Natashquan and Sept-Îles. I therefore suggest that before handing out grants to Quebecair, it would be important for the Canadian Government to make sure that the rate structure will benefit the people rather than Government bodies only, such as Quebecair in conjunction with the Province of Quebec.

• (1415)

[English]

## **HOUSE OF COMMONS**

RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, FRANK YATES

Madam Speaker: I would like to indicate to the House that today is the last day on the floor of the House for Mr. Frank Yates, the Assistant Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Yates, as we all know, has served the House of Commons for 21 years. He is retiring today. I know that Members will want to express their good wishes.

[Editor's Note: Whereupon the Members rose in tribute.]

## **ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

## NATIONAL REVENUE

DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO DATA BASE OF KITCHENER CITY COUNCIL

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Revenue. In an interview with the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, the Deputy Minister of National Revenue has described the