

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****LENNOX ISLAND RESERVE—SAFE MEANS OF TRAVELLING TO MAINLAND**

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday the hon. member for Egmont asked me a question with regard to the Lennox Island Indians.

In actual fact, we have received new estimates which are much higher than former ones. I have had to ask the engineers of the department to submit plans that are less costly than the ones formerly submitted.

[English]

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question to the minister. Could the minister inform the House whether he or his officials have been in touch with the chief of the band council on Lennox Island with regard to this matter? As I understand it, the band council was informed earlier that construction would definitely proceed this spring, and I think they are having considerable difficulty at the moment with regard to this matter.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Probably there was a misunderstanding between those who have communicated. We have received estimates, but we find these estimates too high so we have to revise the plans. I do not think we will be in a position to proceed as soon as we wanted.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** I have a supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder whether the hon. member would take note of the fact that we are running short of time. Perhaps the hon. member for Egmont might ask a very brief supplementary and we will then move on to the hon. member for Lisgar.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister, in view of these difficulties, would be prepared to provide some form of interim transportation during the difficult spring breakup which almost always causes the death of innocent individuals?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, we are well aware of the danger with which we will have to cope in the spring. I can assure the hon. member that we will take all the necessary steps, so that there will not be any loss of life during the spring thaw.

[Later:]

[English]

**Mr. Len Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister of Indian affairs. I wonder whether his officials are or will be discussing with the Indians of Lennox Island the possibility of moving to another area that is more accessible in

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light of the fact that studies indicate the cost of a causeway would be very high?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, we are trying to find some means to build a more adequate bridge. However, if it is not possible to do it inexpensively, I will feel that the hon. member has made an excellent suggestion.

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[English]

**ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY****PLANS TO INCREASE TOLLS**

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport and concerns the recommendation of D. William Carr and Associates that tolls be increased on the Canadian segment of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Will the minister say whether there are plans to increase tolls on the seaway effective with the upcoming seaway shipping season?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I have already made it very clear, and I welcome the opportunity to do so again, that there will be no change in the toll structure during the upcoming season, as he calls it—that is the 1971 season—nor has there been any decision by the government or by any other agency with regard to increasing tolls. What we have done has been to make the report available and invite public comment. No decision will be made until after that comment has been received.

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**TRANSPORT****MAINTAINING OF CANADIAN COASTGUARD COLLEGE AT PRESENT LOCATION**

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the recent disastrous fire in a portion of the quarters used by the cadets at the Canadian Coastguard College, and since this college was placed at its present excellent location to assist with the unemployment problem in Cape Breton, can the minister assure the House, the leaders of the municipalities concerned and other groups, that the government has no plan, now or in the foreseeable future, to change the locale of the college?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, as to the first part I can say we have no immediate plans to change the location. We have been successful in keeping on with that course in spite of the loss of some of the buildings by fire.

The whole question of the future of the Canadian Coastguard College is now being examined and I can