

Football League is a unifying force in Canada, and in light of the proposed 80,000 seat stadium to be built in Montreal, can the right hon. gentleman give an assurance to the Canadian people that in the aftermath of the Olympic games the stadium will not be used as a point of entry for the American football league?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this is a sort of hypothetical question but in so far as it is based on facts I would point out to the hon. member that the matter of amateur sports and physical fitness comes under the authority of the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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HEALTH

ACTION TO ENSURE TESTING OF DRUGS BY MANUFACTURERS TO DEMONSTRATE SAFETY AND EFFICACY

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. He may want to take it as notice or answer by a statement on motions. In view of mounting evidence of the existence of questionable drug manufacturers and questionable prescription products on the market in Canada, and in view of the tendency of provinces to allow pharmacists to substitute on prescriptions without the permission of the physician or the patient, can the minister assure me that the health protection branch will take action to ensure that prior to the initial distribution of a drug product or modification of an existing product every manufacturer will be obligated to perform tests which are appropriate and sufficient to demonstrate the clinical safety and efficacy claimed for the product?

• (1500)

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I wish first of all to thank the hon. member for raising this question with me earlier. I had the opportunity of discussing it with him. As he knows, the department has very elaborate control procedures at present with regard to drugs. However, in the light of the recent articles that have been published I have asked for a full report on this question and I might be able to give further information to the hon. member later.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DISCUSSION WITHIN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE ON FEED GRAIN POLICY—SUGGESTION THAT MINISTER MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF QUEBEC FARM ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

As a result of the decision taken by the Union des producteurs agricoles to withdraw from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture concerning the problem of feed

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grain does the minister intend to receive the representatives of the Union des producteurs agricoles and the Co-opérative Fédérée in order to clarify the feed grain situation as soon as possible?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I certainly will be glad to have my officials meet with the persons in these organizations. Indeed, we have had such meetings and I indicated to them yesterday I would look forward to such meetings continuing.

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[Translation]

HARBOURS

CONSTRUCTION OF DEEP-WATER PORT AT ISLE-VERTE

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

In view of the present oil situation, could the minister tell the House what is the state of consultations or plans concerning a deep water seaport in Isle Verte?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, discussions are going on with reference to many sites for a deep water seaport. This is still under consideration and I cannot give any information today.

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[English]

URBAN AFFAIRS

CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNICATIONS SPIRE IN PROPOSED METRO TORONTO CENTRE—REQUEST FOR DELAY

Mr. John Harney (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport and is supplementary to the question asked earlier on the construction in Toronto of the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific communications needle. As development agreements between the city of Toronto and the developers, that is to say, CN and CP, with regard to Metro Toronto Centre in which the needle will be found in future, have not been finalized and as, particularly, there have been extremely significant changes in the composition of the council of the city of Toronto over the past few months, would the minister give serious consideration to having the start of construction of the communications tower delayed until further deliberations can take place between the developers and the city of Toronto?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think the City of Toronto and the CNR are having constant consultations on this matter. At first the contacts were between the CPR and the corporation which these two companies had created, and I cannot see why at this time we should delay the building of the tower.