

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF PROVINCIAL
MINISTERS

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet, I wonder whether you would allow me to draw to the attention of the House the presence in the gallery of three distinguished members of provincial legislatures; the Attorney General of the province of British Columbia, Hon. Leslie Peterson, the Attorney General of the province of Saskatchewan, Hon. Daryl Heald, and the Minister of Justice of the province of New Brunswick, Hon. Bernard Jean.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

NATIONAL PARKS

BANFF, JASPER AND WATERTON—LEASE
VALUE OF PROPERTIES

Mr. Allan B. Sulatycky (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development could advise the House how much longer the residents of Banff, Jasper and Waterton National Parks will be required to wait before being apprised in respect of the average lease value of their properties last summer?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Not much longer, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

TERMS OF STANLEY ISLAND LEASE

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, in view of the development in respect of leasing arrangements on Stanley Island in the St. Lawrence, will the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development take appropriate steps to assure that this situation will be remedied and that such exploitation will not continue in the future?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubt as to whether the question is in order. Perhaps the hon. member may wish to debate it at the time of adjournment if there is urgency which is not apparent to the Chair.

PUBLIC SERVICE

STEPS TO AVOID STRIKE BY
ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister of Supply and Services, provided I am right in assuming that he is still the minister who gives answers relating to the Public Service Staff Relations Board. If I am wrong, perhaps it might be directed to whichever minister has that responsibility. This question arises from a serious dispute that is brewing among electronic technicians in the Department of Transport. Will the minister concerned inquire into the situation and consider the possibility of making a statement to the House, informing us about the steps being taken to avoid a strike in this area?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the minister involved is the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatchewan. I note that he is to be in the House tomorrow and on Friday. Perhaps the hon. member will ask the question then.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Perhaps this information was given to hon. members of this House earlier when I was not here. The Minister of Supply and Services last session was the minister to whom questions of this type were put. If a change was made the Prime Minister should have informed us.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, if the information was not given I do apologize to the House. The change was made because, as the hon. member will appreciate, it was preferable to have a Minister without Portfolio and not one responsible for another department to answer this type of question. If notice was not given, I do apologize.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

INQUIRY AS TO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, is the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion in a position to tell the House whether negotiations have taken place with the province of Newfoundland with a view to developing a program for that province, and, if so, is the minister now in a position to make an announcement?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I think I answered a similar question a few days ago. We are now negotiating with the authorities of Newfoundland, and of the other provinces, in order to set up projects and programs which will be implemented very quickly during the coming months.