

tighten up the system? If he is, I should like to know what his attitude toward a tightening up of the system would be.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** I am not aware of any change with respect to the grains coming under the jurisdiction of the Wheat Board.

**Mr. Mayer:** The minister did not tell us what his attitude would be toward such a move were it to come. My supplementary was intended for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In his absence, I would ask the Minister of Transport or the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether they are aware of any move in the department, specifically by the officials in his department, the grains group which is currently studying a feasibility report on whether the Wheat Board should take over more complete control of the marketing of rape. I would also like an assurance that when this study is completed—if, indeed, it is under way—a report will be made available to the House.

**Mr. Pepin:** There is, of course, a running debate on this matter, in the west particularly. I would think the Government of Canada would not express views on this subject unless it was intended to change the present situation. I do not believe that one Minister of Transport or one Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce could simply make commentaries on these matters. If there is a decision to be made, it will be made and announced as such, not as a simple reflection on the matter.

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### PARKS CANADA

#### GRIEVANCES OF CORNWALL EMPLOYEES—GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION THEREOF

**Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough):** Madam Speaker, we heard a lot of talk last week about the enormous amount of sympathy and compassion shown by the government toward civil servants. My question is addressed to the President of the Treasury Board.

In light of the petition which was presented to the House on Wednesday of last week from the employees of the Parks Canada office in Cornwall, and in light of the mass grievance placed before the Civil Service Alliance by those employees over the cancellation of the move to Peterborough, would the President of the Treasury Board agree, before any further cheques are paid out to the employees of Parks Canada in connection with the cancellation of that move, to meet with them in order to resolve present differences and permit a return to a good esprit de corps and a feeling of high morale among the employees of Parks Canada in Cornwall? Would the minister meet with these employees before any further cheques are issued?

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board):** Madam Speaker, I am always ready to meet with people who have a just cause to plead with the government of

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the day. I believe the minister in charge of Parks Canada answered those questions quite adequately last week.

**Mr. Domm:** I should like to direct my supplementary question to the Deputy Prime Minister. It is on the same subject and it is one which has never been answered. When the regional office in Cornwall was divided, half went to Quebec and half was to go to central Ontario.

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Would the Deputy Prime Minister agree to look into what is best for Ontario and what is best for Parks Canada in Ontario? If Quebec is best served in Quebec by having the regional office moved from Cornwall to Quebec City, would Ontario not be best served if the regional office of Parks Canada were located in central Ontario, where the minister's government proposed in the first place it be located?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I will make sure that the views and the questions of the hon. member are drawn to the attention of the minister. I will draw to the minister's attention particularly the interest of the hon. member in ensuring that the province of Ontario is well served and its interests are looked after. I share the hon. member's aspirations in that respect as well.

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### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### DENIAL OF DREE GRANT TO MAGDALEN ISLANDS SALT MINING CORPORATION

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. On Friday last the minister indicated, in denying an application for a DREE grant from Magdalen Islands Salt Mining Corporation, that at least in part the reason for the denial was that there was an unused capacity within the industry in other parts of the country and that he intended to introduce some other economic beneficial programs for the area.

Can the minister tell the House why that same rationale was not applied in the case of the Michelin grant, given that assistance to Sydney Steel and/or the Cape Breton Development Corporation could and would have produced more jobs, more economic development and, in fact, could have saved energy on the east coast?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Madam Speaker, with regard to Magdalen Islands, as the hon. member said, I could not give a grant to that mine because already the mines we have in Nova Scotia and Ontario have a capacity which exceeds the consumption of eastern Canada. What about other projects in Nova Scotia? Of course we will be helping other projects in Nova Scotia.

As for the tire industry, as the hon. member knows—and we have talked about it at length together—there is a major