

Oral Questions

able for alcohol education in the Northwest Territories and to set up community rehabilitation centres staffed by northerners?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows my department is providing some funds at the present time, particularly with respect to the problem of alcoholism among natives. I am currently reviewing our program in this respect but I am not in a position to make an announcement at the present time. We are examining the matter, however.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. Has the minister undertaken any studies recently on the effectiveness of alcohol education and rehabilitation programs in the Northwest Territories?

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Speaker, I know of no specific survey or review in the sense of a scientific review of the programs currently being operated in the north. One thing is sure, however, we are not satisfied with what is taking place at the present time and should like to improve on it.

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AGRICULTURE**BEEF—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON NUMBER OF GRADES AND GRADING PRACTICES OF PROCESSING PLANTS**

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, I have a short question for the Minister of Agriculture. Would the minister inform the House how many grades there are in the beef grading system in Canada and whether processing plants are allowed to pay for cattle using their own grading standards?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member knows how many grading systems there are in Canada. To give a detailed explanation of how the grading systems work would take up too much of the question period, but I could send him a breakdown of the information. We have one of the most advanced grading systems in the world, I can tell him that.

An hon. Member: How many?

Mr. Hurlburt: Mr. Speaker, a short supplementary. Would the minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I confess I have some reservations about whether the answer to the hon. member's first question could not have been more properly sought through other means. Perhaps the hon. member can clarify that through a supplementary.

Mr. Hurlburt: Fine, Mr. Speaker; I will forget my supplementary.

[Mr. Firth.]

AIRPORTS**VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF PARKING GARAGE WITH OPEN PARKING LOT**

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Transport? Is the minister aware of plans to close permanently the parking garage at Vancouver International Airport and to replace the parking space lost with an open parking lot in spite of an offer from the parking operators to replace the lost space with a new double deck garage? Will the minister investigate the situation in order to avoid the necessity of a shuttle bus service and other inconveniences that would be suffered by travellers?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of this project that they may have but I am going to investigate.

An hon. Member: What are you aware of?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, there are about 2,000 airports in Canada, so I do not know everything that is going on at each one. I will get the information and give it to the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Calgary South.

Mr. Bawden: Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Prime Minister but I see he has gone.

An hon. Member: He is out looking for the airports, too.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Kingston and the Islands.

Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): My question was also for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**PROPOSED MEETING OF MINISTER WITH TREATY SEVEN CHIEFS AND URBAN TREATY ALLIANCE—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I should like to begin by welcoming him back to a friendly audience after meeting with the Liberals in Alberta.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): My question concerns a group the minister did not meet there, the Treaty Seven Indians, whose grievances concerning the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development led them to occupy departmental offices. I should like to know from the minister whether he would now give an undertaking to meet both the chiefs of Treaty Seven and representatives of the Urban Treaty Alliance to discuss their grievances and to meet them in Alberta rather than Ottawa?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, first of all I should