

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I advised the house a few days ago that the whole matter of the future of air controllers is under study and no doubt this matter will be considered during my discussions with them.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

INCORRECT DESCRIPTION OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It has been brought to my attention that last Thursday a Calgary newspaper reported me as the Liberal member for Athabasca.

An hon. Member: What an insult.

Mr. Hees: That's slander; sue.

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker, I want the country and hon. members of this house to know that I object to this kind of misrepresentation and that I find it derogatory, provocative, inflammatory, most insulting and as close to yellow journalism as you can get.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest the hon. member might also be out of order.

TRADE

POTATOES—EXPORT OF P.E.I. AND NEW BRUNSWICK PRODUCT TO U.S.

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether there have been any discussions between this government and the government of the United States with a view to obtaining more favourable tariff entry of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island potatoes into the United States even on a temporary basis, in view of the very depressed conditions of the potato industry?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I had a discussion last Friday with Mr. Hardin the new Secretary of Agriculture for the United States, mainly for the purpose of getting acquainted with him. I am unable to give any details about that discussion, but my friend can take it that we discussed a number of matters upon which representations had been made to me in this house.

STRAWBERRIES—MAINTENANCE OF IMPORT DUTIES

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I have an agricultural question I should like to direct to the Minister of [Mr. Osler.]

National Revenue. Has the minister had an opportunity to consider the representation made some three weeks ago by the B.C. Federation of Agriculture regarding the maintenance of import duties on strawberries during 1969, and when can the house expect his decision on this matter?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I will look into this matter. I do not remember the exact situation.

DRUGS

RESPIRIN—PERMISSION TO SELL IN CANADA

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Coast Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, in view of press reports concerning the drug Respirin, which state that this unusual compound is able to cure or alleviate not only respiratory ailments but also pigeon chest, hunchback and mental retardation, and that Senators and Members of Parliament are among those who have enjoyed dramatic cures, can the Minister of National Health and Welfare say why his department re-approved this patent medicine for sale in Canada when such dubious claims are advanced?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FLOODS

NEWFOUNDLAND—DAMAGE TO WEST COAST COMMUNITIES

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he has received any representations from the provincial government of Newfoundland regarding flood damage to communities on the west coast affecting homes and causing damage to schools and fishing facilities and if so has any action been taken to investigate such damage with a view to preventing any recurrence?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not personally aware of any such representation. However, I will be glad to look into this matter and make a reply later.

COMMUNICATIONS

BELL CANADA—RELATIONSHIP TO NORTHERN ELECTRIC

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether his attention has been drawn to the refusal by the vice-chairman of the