

Inquiries of the Ministry

and all the things which have to be done on a thorough and methodical basis with the least possible delay consistent with the best possible results in the use of the taxpayers' money.

[*Translation*]

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**POSSIBILITY OF PROJECTS IN CENTRAL QUEBEC**

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport.

Now that the site of the future international airport is known, and that the citizens of the south shore are obviously somewhat disappointed, can he tell us whether money will be invested in or something done for that whole central area of Quebec, and more particularly the south shore, to help its economic development?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that his question is of a very general nature and therefore may not be put at this time.

[*English*]

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**SECRET DISCUSSIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF ATLANTIC PROVINCES**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My question is directed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Has the Prime Minister held any secret talks with the premier of New Brunswick several times during the past few weeks, or even a few times, concerning the financial plight of the Atlantic provinces, as stated by the premier of New Brunswick within the last few days?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not know whether I would describe them as secret talks. I have met with the premier of New Brunswick on matters of mutual concern—once in the last few weeks, I believe.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): My supplementary question is for the Minister of Finance but in his deliberate absence this afternoon I will direct it to the Prime Minister. At the time of his discussions with the premier of New Brunswick and in the light of the budgetary situation of that province, was any suggestion made by the premier that a hurry-up or advance payment be made under one of the joint or shared cost programs to tide the province over?

Mr. Trudeau: Before and after the federal-provincial conference held in February, an important part of the agenda of which was devoted to the question of shared-cost programs and so on, there were discussions with the provinces about ways in which the federal spending power could be altered or improved or modified in some way. Naturally, by way of exploring these questions some such items did come up for consideration.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): But did this one actually come up?

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): In view of the statements being made in Fredericton about the matter of increased moneys from Ottawa, is the Prime Minister ready to make a statement filling us in on the discussions he had with Premier Robichaud about possible moneys for New Brunswick? Does the Prime Minister acknowledge that there were discussions between Premier Robichaud and himself and, if so, when will we be told what took place at those discussions?

INDUSTRY**INQUIRY AS TO CONCENTRATION OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Are officials of his department investigating and analysing the report just released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the interlocking corporate structure in Canada, which showed a tremendous concentration of ownership and control of industry in Canada, with a view to introducing necessary legislation to regulate—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question asked by the hon. member refers to a matter which is very general in scope and I would think it could not be asked at this time.

[*Translation*]

STUDENT UNREST**MCGILL UNIVERSITY—ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF DISTURBANCE**

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Can he tell us if the provincial authorities have already requested the R.C.M.P. to help keep things under control at tomorrow night's expected demonstration at McGill University?