

Inquiries of the Ministry

broad category of individual producers, not of any specific way of determining their consent. The question of a specific vote is a very complicated one; it involves, somehow, trying to identify the group concerned and the voting system, and I would not wish to commit myself to the support of a particular technique at this stage.

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PENITENTIARIES**KINGSTON—ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO RIOT**

Mr. Jacques-L. Trudel (Montréal-Bourassa): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General.

Could he say whether he intends to appoint a board of inquiry into the recent disorders at Kingston penitentiary or if such a board has already been set up?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am in a position to announce that the Commissioner of Penitentiaries has created a board of inquiry on the events which took place at Kingston penitentiary on April 14 to 18. Mr. J. William Swackhamer, Q.C., a lawyer from Toronto, has been appointed chairman of this board. Other members are Mr. W. T. McGrath, executive director of the Canadian Criminology and Corrections Association, and Mr. H. E. Popp, director of security, Canadian Penitentiary Service. Mr. Ian G. Scott, a Toronto barrister, will act as secretary and adviser.

I asked that the Board report to me at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Trudel: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Will this Board consider the matter which was raised a short while ago with respect to the possibility of granting some sort of compensation to the guards who were kept as hostages?

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, the Board will have to stick to its terms of reference and I doubt that these will allow the Board to consider this matter.

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NATIONAL PARKS**RECREATIONAL INTEREST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN NORTHWESTERN QUEBEC AND NORTHERN ONTARIO**

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development responsible for parks and recreational places.

For some time, now, American citizens have taken a tremendous interest in the abandoned lands of northwestern Quebec and northern Ontario, and especially in recreational areas. I would like to ask the minister if he has been in touch with provincial authorities and some citizens who have expressed concern over this invasion by American interests.

[Mr. Lang.]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for raising this problem. I have not had any discussion concerning northern Ontario and northwestern Quebec with the authorities involved, but I shall look into the matter and see what can be done about it. This is a problem which is to be found practically everywhere, especially as regards Atlantic and Pacific beaches, and we are trying to do our best so that this land should remain in Canadian hands.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY**REQUEST BY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS FOR EXPLANATION OF FEDERAL GRANT IN LIGHT OF NET INCOME**

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. It comes from a senior high school class at Killarney High School in my riding. These pupils have been studying the 1970 report of the Canadian Pacific Railway and they note that the company received a grant of \$33.1 million as a normal payment from the federal government. They also note that the net income—

Mr. Speaker: Order please. The hon. member should ask her question. Up to this point I greatly suspect that it may not be a question which should be asked now. In any event, the hon. member should ask her question soon.

Mrs. MacInnis: I am coming right to it, Mr. Speaker. They note that the net income for 1970 was \$55,772,000. They want to know—I do not know the answer and that is why I am putting the question now—whether the minister would explain the reason for such a grant to a company with so favourable an earnings statement?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member will appreciate, I am sure, that such a question is not in order. It is an interesting one, but normally it should be placed on the order paper.

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POST OFFICE**ALLEGED CONFUSION CAUSED BY NEW POSTAL ZONING POLICY**

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is for the minister responsible for the Post Office and it arises from a growing number of complaints about the confusion created by the new postal zoning policy because of the odd mixture of numerals and letters. Has the hon. gentleman any advice to offer whereby this difficulty can be resolved?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio): I do not think that there is such confusion with the new postal code system, which is not a zoning system. If there are special cases, I should like to study them and see whether changes should be made. Up to now, it seems to me that everything is running smoothly.