

### TRANSPORT

#### NEWFOUNDLAND—INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO STUDY SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport when he will be in a position to announce the appointment and the name of the independent consultant to carry out the study in connection with surface transportation in Newfoundland as announced by the Minister of Transport through the Canadian Transport Commission during the examination of the estimates of his department in committee?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I would hope to be in a position next week to announce, if not the name of the consultant, then certainly the terms of reference. That has been the cause of the delay—the determination of the terms of reference.

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### ENERGY

#### PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY GAS PIPELINE—POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY PANARCTIC IN CONSORTIUM

**Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is it the intention of the government to encourage Panarctic Oils to join the consortium recently formed in Calgary to build the Mackenzie Valley pipeline?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Not at the moment.

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### AGRICULTURE

#### FARM MACHINERY—IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. It is one which has been asked a number of times but has never received a positive answer. Bearing in mind that the final report of the Barber Commission on the prices of farm machinery and repair parts was tabled in the House over a year ago, can the minister tell us whether the government plans to take any action with regard to some of the recommendations contained in this report before the twenty-eighth Parliament ends?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** I am not sure we can give any reports respecting this matter further than those already given. I am sure the hon. member will recall that several positive steps were taken shortly after the first recommendations came out.

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

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#### FUTURE OF SAINT JOHN-DIGBY FERRY IN LIGHT OF FREIGHT RATE INCREASES

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport with reference to the specific freight rate increases involving the Saint John-Digby ferry. I know this has been brought to the minister's attention, but I wonder whether he has had an opportunity to consider some of the information on his desk and whether he is prepared to make a statement on the future of the ferry in view of the fact that freight rate increases amount in some cases to 50 per cent, the tourist season is upon us, the ferry lost over half a million dollars last year, and there is no federal subsidy paid?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** As often happens, there are a great many parts to the hon. member's question. The short answer is that my officials are in discussion with representatives of Canadian Pacific on all these subjects at the present time.

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Would the minister assure us that he will take into consideration in this review the fact that there is a competing ferry which receives a subsidy from the government amounting to more than a million dollars?

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### IMMIGRATION

#### SUICIDE OF ALICIA WIERCIOCH—INVESTIGATION OF PROVISION OF WRONG INFORMATION TO MINISTER

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I am wondering whether the investigation into the Alicia Wiercioch case has resulted in pinpointing those people who misinformed him. Has it been completed and, if so, how many persons are involved and what has happened to them?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** It is safe to say there has been some internal discussion between myself and the officials at headquarters about the type of information provided to be used in the question period in order that the House may not be unintentionally misled.

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### NATIONAL REVENUE

#### POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS IN SUBMITTING PROPER INCOME TAX RETURNS NEXT YEAR

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Revenue and it arises out of reports that more than one million tax returns submitted this year contained errors and must be processed at least twice by the department. In view of the increased complexities of the new tax legislation, would the minister say whether he has made any projection of