Inquiries of the Ministry AIRPORTS

TORONTO—EXPEDITING OF DECISION ON SITE AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITY

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the delays at Ste. Scholastique, is the government prepared to speed up the decision on and construction of the new international airport for the Toronto area?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I am happy to say that the delays at Ste. Scholastique have now been eliminated. The work stoppage is at an end, and if the weather co-operates we shall move ahead very quickly at that site. I do not think it has any relationship to the Toronto question. I am happy to say that I met yesterday with Mr. MacNaughton, the representative of the province of Ontario, and I can say progress is being made.

Mr. Scott: Is the government close to a consensus with the provincial and municipal parties on the question of the Toronto airport site and, if so, will an announcement be made this month?

Mr. Jamieson: Sometimes I may display a large amount of confidence but I would not dare say how close one government ever gets to consensus with another.

TORONTO—CONSULTATION ON SUITABLE AREA FOR HOUSING NEAR NEW FACILITY

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): I have a supplementary question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. In view of the hon. gentleman's expressed interest in satellite cities, has he held discussions with the Minister of Transport in order to provide an area for the housing of the 50,000 to 100,000 people who will be involved in this project so that the problems which have arisen at Malton will not arise in this case?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): The whole question of the pattern of urban growth and development and the effect on that of the placement of such major transportation facilities as airports is the subject of ongoing consultation and co-operation between myself and my officials and the Minister of Transport and his officials. Such consultation is constant now. We are part of that discussion.

TORONTO-ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW SITE IN HOUSE

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether the announcement of the location of the New Ontario site will be made by him in the House?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I would assume that if the negotiations with the province of Ontario proceed satisfactorily the announcement might even be made simultaneously.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Oxford with a last supplementary question on this subject.

[Mr. Jamieson.]

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a supplementary question for the minister in charge of housing. Did the minister consult with the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State who is in charge of the youth program for the summer with respect to the new northern city which is to be constructed overnight by 100,000 young people, or whatever it was, and can he give us more details?

Mr. Speaker: Order. That is not a supplementary.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. It arises out of his answer to a question regarding the airport in Quebec vis-à-vis the proposed Toronto airport. I would ask the Minister of Transport whether in referring to this question he would check out the statement made by the Prime Minister, as reported at page 5391 of Hansard on Friday last, in which the inference is left that they had to go ahead with the Quebec airport in order to take business away from the proposed Toronto airport?

Mr. Speaker: Order. While the minister is doing all this checking, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Joliette.

[Translation]

FINANCE

ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT INSTITUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Acting Prime Minister.

Could he tell us if the government has received an official request from the Union of Canadian Municipalities in order that special funds be earmarked for the development of specific municipal projects? If so, I should like to know the position of the government in this regard.

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to take that question as notice.

AGRICULTURE

FARM MACHINERY—INQUIRY AS TO FINAL REPORT OF BARBER COMMISSION AND INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of continuing concern on the Prairies about the high cost of farm machinery, can the minister now tell us when he expects to table the final report of the Barber Commission on the price of farm machinery?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I have been advised that the report will be available in both official languages by about May 17. I should also advise the House that no decision has been taken by the government whether it will be tabled on that particular date.