

two or three days. Would the minister use his great influence with the chairman of the Canadian Transport Commission to get that gentleman to have uniform regulations proclaimed, so that truckers will not refuse to move under Part III, which is what they are going to do?

**Mr. Jamieson:** I will be very pleased to do that, and in fact have already talked to the Canadian Transport Commission about it. But may I say with respect that the matter does lie primarily with the provinces at present. We have put forward certain proposals to the provinces which will enable us to take over those aspects of it which have to do with interprovincial regulations, but the provinces have not up to this moment—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Vancouver East.

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### HARBOURS

#### VANCOUVER—REQUEST FOR DECISION ON FUTURE OF WHEAT ELEVATOR

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** I should like to address my question to the obviously very popular and genial Minister of Transport.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Winch:** I put it that way in the hopes of getting an answer. It was a year ago when the Minister of Transport told me that in the immediate future he would be making a decision as to whether the Columbia wheat elevator in my riding was to be rehabilitated or torn down. Can he now give me a message that I could carry back to my constituents?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I will see to it that one is transmitted to the member this afternoon in detail. I am speaking from memory. Incidentally, the hon. member was away for some time and we are all delighted to see him back. I will have a written report in his hands this afternoon on the state of that particular issue.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### STUDENT MILITIA PROGRAM REDUCTION—REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** My question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the disappointment expressed across the country at the loss of opportunities for youth to serve under the student militia program because of cutbacks in the Department of National Defence, would the Prime Minister consider reassessing the situation and directing that the civilian training phase of this non-military program due to start on July 12 be increased in order to give the advantages to youth which the course affords?

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I did not hear the whole question because of the noises made by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings. I did gather, however, that it was a question having to do with the Minister of National Defence, and I will draw it to his attention.

**Mr. Marshall:** In view of the fact that recruiting for this course starts in five days time, would the Prime Minister please treat it as an urgent matter?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I believe the hon. member for Algoma has a supplementary question. Perhaps he might be allowed to ask it.

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### INDUSTRY

#### PULP AND PAPER—POSSIBLE ACTION TO AVOID SHUT-DOWNS AND INCREASE EXPORTS

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** My question was for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, but in his absence I should like to direct it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the difficulties of the pulp and paper industry, which have resulted in temporary shutdowns of some plants, can the parliamentary secretary say whether any specific action is being taken to reverse this trend? I am wondering in particular whether the department will take some action to increase our export sales to Europe because of the reduced tariff which will be in effect with the entry of England into the Common Market.

**Mr. Paproski:** Yes, produce more white papers.

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The difficulties of the pulp and paper industry are known to the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and numerous discussions have been taking place with officials of the industry. I would remind the hon. member that the recent negotiations with the United Kingdom in connection with their entry into the EEC have produced a very favourable position for the Canadian industry in that there will be duty-free quotas for Canadian pulp and paper. But I would also remind—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The parliamentary secretary cannot make a statement at this time. I might say that the hon. member put a very general question which normally should have been replied to by way of a statement on motions. I do not think that a statement should be made at this time.

We have just about run out of time. With the consent of the House, the Chair might allow one question to be put by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville, and we will finish our question period with a question by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!