

*Oral Questions***TRANSPORT**NEED FOR TAKING MEASURES TO AVOID FATAL ACCIDENTS ON
JACQUES CARTIER BRIDGE IN MONTREAL

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, again this weekend there have been 24 accidents on Jacques-Cartier Bridge, including a serious accident that caused one casualty and a number of injuries.

The most disappointing aspect is that the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) of this Tory Government has had on his desk since January a report by the Traffic Corporation that made clear, definite and specific recommendations to avoid fatal accidents on Jacques-Cartier Bridge: First, to install an improved road signs system; second, to add more patrol cars; and third, to have anti-skid materials.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, representatives of the Jacques-Cartier and Champlain Bridges police officers will be here, and it is my hope that the Minister of Transport will have the fortitude to meet with those people in order to repair those injustices and announce by Friday concrete steps to avoid fatal accidents on Jacques-Cartier Bridge.

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[English]

NATURAL RESOURCESLACK OF MINERALS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ALBERTA AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton South): Mr. Speaker, although one usually thinks in terms of hydrocarbons when discussing Alberta resources, the princess province holds an untold potential in development of metallic and other mineral compounds, notably in its northeast corner, which, geologically, is part of the Canadian Shield.

Unfortunately, Alberta is the only province in Confederation without a minerals development agreement with the federal Government. Other jurisdictions have agreements, ranging in funding size from \$100 million in Quebec to \$300,000 for gravel pits in Prince Edward Island.

Unlike its predecessor, this national administration is not in the habit of grabbing provincial resources. The MDA process, as practised by our Government, provides for provincial targeting and delivery. However, the initiative for entering into such an agreement must come from the province.

I urge Alberta to move positively, and soon.

[Translation]

DISASTERS

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS OF THREE FISHERMEN IN ACADIA

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, the crab fishing season in the Gulf of St. Lawrence started last Saturday, but on a very sad note. Three fishermen from the Acadian Peninsula lost their lives when their boat capsized 30 kilometers east of Miscou Island.

Captain Léo Noël and his aids, Cyria Duguay et Dion Mallet, were the unfortunate victims of this shipwreck.

The exact causes of the accident are not yet known. It seems that within two minutes, the boat went under stern first before capsizing.

Every year, Mr. Speaker, fishermen drown, reminding us that even if the sea is sometimes beautiful, danger is always present. Fishermen are at the mercy of the elements.

Mr. Speaker, while extending my condolences to the afflicted families, I wish them much courage to face this troubled time in their lives.

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[English]

ENERGY

PROPOSED SALE OF DOME PETROLEUM TO AMOCO CANADA

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I believe, and I believe most Canadians share the view, that there should be a "Canadian" solution to the sale of Dome Petroleum. To date the Prime Minister and his Government have done and said nothing to encourage that solution. It is obvious that the Government hasn't lifted a finger to achieve a "Canadian" result.

What we have before us is, potentially, the largest business takeover in Canadian history.

My question is for the Prime Minister, and it is: Will he confirm that, to date, his Government has done nothing, hasn't raised a finger, to facilitate a "Canadian" solution? And isn't it true that his Government will continue to do absolutely nothing to affect the result of this transaction?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I think that one of the best "Canadian" solutions to the Dome question is to ensure that the corporation will still be alive.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Masse: Mr. Speaker, in two and a half years of Government efforts, of defining principles and holding meetings, we have ensured that offers will be forthcoming