

Inquiries of the Ministry

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Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, it is our intention to get the bill before a parliamentary committee with the least possible delay.

BRIDGES**THREE RIVERS, QUE.—MEETING WITH QUEBEC MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Leon Balcer (Three Rivers): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport if he has anything to report on the matter of the bridge at Three Rivers following his meeting with the minister of highways of Quebec yesterday.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have been advised that the Lea report will be available in a very few days, probably this week, and I so informed the minister of highways when I saw him yesterday.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**QUEBEC—REPORTED REMOVAL OF GUNS FROM CITADEL**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the right hon. Leader of the Opposition, basing his question on an article appearing in *Le Petit Journal*, asked if it was true that a group of machine guns had been removed from La Citadelle, Quebec city. I am now in a position to confirm my original answer to the effect that the report is incorrect, and that no weapons have been withdrawn from La Citadelle.

AIRPORTS**CALGARY—DANGER FROM PROPOSED RADIO TOWERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Before asking my question, Mr. Speaker, I think it only fair to point out that the question period started at twenty minutes to four and has lasted 45 minutes now. My question is to the Minister of Transport. It is based on proposals of the C.B.C. or the board of broadcast governors to construct radio transmission towers 473 feet high south of the Calgary international airport at Shepard. Has the minister received representations from general aviation associations in the area, and is it his intention to convene an inquiry on the basis of the individual assessment that he discussed with these associations in order to determine the hazard presented to general aviation by these towers?

[Mr. Gregoire.]

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is a question for the order paper.

Mr. Nielsen: With respect, Mr. Speaker, this question is urgent.

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I fail to see the urgency. The hon. member for Lapointe.

Mr. Nielsen: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I rose to ask the minister a question concerning the safety of general aviation in this country. The construction of towers almost 500 feet high, which might be proceeding any day or at any moment now, is in my opinion an urgent matter, since in the last 18 months 14 lives have been lost in accidents through flyers striking cables and towers. I am sure the minister has an answer prepared for my question, and the aviation industry is very interested in hearing about the safety measures that he proposes to take.

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid I do not see any point of order there. The question the hon. member has asked requires a considered reply, and the minister is entitled to take sufficient time to prepare that considered reply.

Mr. Nielsen: I wonder whether the minister might be allowed to answer for himself and say whether he is going to hear the representatives of the aviation associations concerned.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Lapointe.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Is he aware that the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Dupuis) has been criticized by the minister of municipal affairs of the province of Quebec? Does he intend to reprimand his colleague accordingly?

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Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am only aware of the fact that my hon. friend has asked another improper question.

PUBLICATIONS**SPONSORSHIP OF MOTION ON ORDER PAPER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime