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training incentive program. I notice that according to the literature sent out by his department, this program is only available to workers who are hired between November 1, 1963 and January 31, 1964. The question I would like to ask the minister is, why is it limited to such a narrow period? Would the minister and his department give some consideration to widening the period during program incentive will which this applicable?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): The purpose of the particular period was to attempt to encourage a substantial volume of hiring in a period that would have the maximum effect on high seasonal winter unemployment. However, I am glad to assure my hon, friend that consideration will be given, and I think it is now being given, to a possible extension of this period.

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

CONSIDERATION OF BANKRUPTCY ACT AMENDMENT RESPECTING PRIMARY PRODUCTS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Real Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister?

I received at noon from Mr. Sorel, president general of the catholic farmers union, a telegram which reads as follows:

On behalf of all Quebec farmers, we state once again our full support of Bill C-5—stop—considering it as an essential protection of the already low livelihood of thousands of farmers-stop-asking for passage of the whole bill during this session.

Has the Prime Minister received such a telegram and if so, does he intend to submit Bill C-5 for the approval of the house before the conclusion of this session?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not recall receiving that telegram, but I will be glad to look into the matter as soon as I get to my office. The government's intentions with regard to further legislation this session will be made known in a day or two.

## TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

REPORTED RUMOURS THAT SABOTAGE CAUSED RECENT CRASH

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. It arises out of rumours that are rampant regarding the cause of the terrible Canadian owned, and whether he is aware

disaster to the T.C.A. aircraft last Friday. Is the minister in a position, on the basis of the investigation so far, to eliminate and rule out sabotage as the cause of that accident?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I was not able to hear the right hon. gentleman's question.

An hon. Member: Put your earpiece on.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, either the minister's hearing is bad or my voice was not loud enough for him. I asked whether he was in a position now, on the basis of the investigation that has so far taken place in connection with the tragedy at Montreal last Friday, to eliminate sabotage as the cause thereof.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I have had no report from the investigating team so far; therefore I would not rule out any possible cause whatever. I do not want that remark to be taken as indicating that I have any reason to suspect one cause more than any other; I simply have not the information.

[Later:]

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Were either or both of the DC-8F aircraft recently involved in accidents, at London airport and in the tragic occurrence at Montreal, equipped with Pratt and Whitney fan jet engines rather than Rolls Royce engines?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, that subject matter was dealt with in committee this morning, and I wonder if the hon, member would permit me to take his question as notice and give him a full answer later.

## INDUSTRY

HEAVY WATER PLANT-INQUIRY AS TO OWNER-SHIP OF SELECTED COMPANY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): I should like to ask the Minister of Industry if he can tell the house whether the Deuterium Corporation of Canada, which has been awarded the contract for the heavy water plant, is a wholly owned Canadian corporation.

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Yes, I can. It is not wholly owned, as my announcement made clear yesterday, but a very substantial portion of the Deuterium Corporation of Canada will be Canadian owned.

Mr. Thompson: Perhaps the minister will tell us how much of it is expected to be