

PROPOSED SALE OF CABLEVISION INTEREST IN CANADA
—DISCUSSION BETWEEN FEDERAL AND
PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State.

With regard to the proposal which the Quebec government, through the General Investment Corporation and several companies, must make to the CRTC on June 28, would the minister indicate whether he has discussed this particular question with his Quebec counterpart and if not, is he in a position to say that the federal government does not object to this project?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, my Quebec counterpart has asked me not to reveal the specific questions which we discussed this morning. He wants our conversations to remain confidential until they are brought to an end. I would simply indicate that according to the terms of the transactions in question, if we are talking about the same ones, no controlling interests of a provincial agency are involved, and as far as I know, the provincial agency will not file an application with the CRTC at the end of the month, but I repeat that this is only from what I know about the project.

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IMMIGRATION

ADVERTISEMENT IN DUTCH NEWSPAPERS ENCOURAGING
PEOPLE TO COME TO CANADA

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is the minister aware of the publication in the Dutch press of advertisements encouraging people to come to Canada and containing the words, "Canada, a land of employment and housing", when in fact the reverse is more likely the case? Would the minister look into this promotional effort?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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INDUSTRY

BRUCK MILLS LIMITED—POSSIBLE CLOSING OF
MONTREAL PLANT

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Could he tell us whether Bruck Mills Limited have advised his department of their plans to shut down their plant in Montreal, a situation which would involve in some way or other 250 people now employed there?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of a previous action by Bruck Mills Limited but not of the one referred to in the hon. member's question.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Ricard: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question.

Is the hon. minister aware of the fact that this company has already received incentive grants totalling over \$800,000 from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion for modernizing their plants and that this has all the appearances of an assault on the public purse?

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

DISCUSSION OF UNION OF SMALLER PROVINCES AT
FORTHCOMING MEETING

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Prime Minister. Since there has been considerable discussion of the proposal that the smaller provinces should unite to form more viable political units, is the government intending to discuss this proposal at the upcoming constitutional conference in Victoria?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker; we do not expect to raise it but it is possible that some provinces might want to bring forward this subject.

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THE CENSUS

DEPARTMENTAL POSITION ON HIRING OF STUDENTS

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Did the minister's department stress that students, if available, be hired for census-taking and did this recommendation go out from his department to those in charge of the hiring of census workers?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have already answered this question. Census-takers could be students. There was no objection to that. But I have already pointed out it was for a very short time and many students were not interested in view of that fact. I have also reported to the House that a number of students will be employed during the summer in putting together the information obtained by the census.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST BY CANADIAN-UKRAINIAN COMMITTEE RESPECTING
LIBERATION OF VALENTYN MOROZ AND
SVIATOSLAV KARAVANSKI

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. I would ask the Prime Minister whether he replied to the request of the Ukrainian "Set Them Free" committee regarding the liberation of the historian Valentyn Moroz and the writer Sviatoslav Karavanski?