

Inquiries of the Ministry

from various commands of the Royal Canadian Legion for reclassification of postal rates on publications so that they can maintain mailing to war veterans? If so, can the minister disclose his decision?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): We have handled all requests from the Legion in the same manner as requests from other associations. There is a very modest increase in the annual fee, sometimes 30 cents, sometimes 40 cents; and as was mentioned yesterday, 27 cents a year would recover all the increased postal charges.

TELEVISION

"DON MESSER'S JUBILEE"—TRANSFER TO HAMILTON STATION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): My question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact the city of Hamilton through CHCH-TV has shown its interest in the cultural life of this country by reviving the Don Messer show for the benefit of millions of Canadians, which interest also goes a long way to dispel the lunch pail image of that great city, will the Prime Minister use his good offices to persuade his colleagues that a firm commitment should be given to the City of Hamilton in terms of a grant, which incidentally has been promised, in order that the Hamilton Theatre Auditorium can be completed and this cultural interest be continued?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member's submission ought to appear on the order paper.

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): As a supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order. There cannot be a supplementary because the question is due to appear on the order paper.

GRAIN

PHASING OUT OF FEED GRAIN SUBSIDIES

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. On May 16 I asked a question, which because of the minister's absence was taken as notice, concerning the phasing out of various feed grain subsidies. Has the minister had time yet to consider my question and can he say when the house might expect a reply?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I will look into the matter, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Marshall.]

AIR TRANSPORT

SHORTAGE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. The other day the minister indicated that he would be prepared to make a statement on motions concerning the problem of air traffic controllers. I am wondering how soon he might be able to make this statement?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I believe the meeting with the air traffic controllers, which I suggested was an appropriate prelude to this statement, is to be on June 4, and I would expect to make a statement within a few days after that meeting.

PENTICTON, B.C.—REQUEST FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Mr. Bruce Howard (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of another major collision recently at Penticton airport, British Columbia, I would like to ask the minister what action is being taken to establish an air traffic controller at this airport?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the accident is being investigated at the moment, and part of that investigation is to determine an appropriate level of air traffic control in that area.

[Translation]

SHIPBUILDING

CANADIAN VICKERS—EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Villeneuve.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): For Temiscamingue, Mr. Speaker. I would like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Did the government undertake negotiations with the provincial authorities of Quebec or did he receive suggestions from Premier Bertrand, concerning Canadian Vickers in Montreal, and are the two governments in a position to reach an agreement to assist laid-off employees?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I have received any communication from Premier Bertrand in connection with that.