

Inquiries of the Ministry

tenders will be called for replacement of the gymnasium and library which were destroyed by fire?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I cannot give an accurate date. I can only say to the hon. member, as I believe I have on previous occasions, that there is no intention in the foreseeable future to move the college. I have asked for information as to just what is necessary in respect of the whole complex, because this matter does not only involve rebuilding what was destroyed by fire; there is also some necessity for upgrading and renovating existing buildings. As soon as I have that information I will let the hon. member know.

Mr. Muir: Mr. Speaker, will the minister do his utmost—I know he will because he is always very willing and obliging—to move this study ahead, thus preventing the inadequacy of facilities causing discomfort to the students who are trying their best to get ahead in their studies?

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GRAIN

ALLOTMENT OF ADDITIONAL RAILWAY EQUIPMENT TO
MOVE FEED AND EXPORT GRAIN BECAUSE OF
LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the one asked by my colleague, the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar. Can the minister in charge of the Wheat Board say whether he, the Minister of Transport or both of them together have had any discussion with the railways as to facilitating the direct movement by rail of feed grain for domestic use in Quebec and the Maritimes and grain for export?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, that question, in what seems to be an extremely general form, has to be answered in the affirmative. I think the hon. member has something more specific in mind, but he would have to particularize his question.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will be recognized on a last supplementary question, but we do have to move on.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the minister for not being clear. Has an additional allotment of railway equipment been put into service for the movement of feed grain for domestic use and export grain to the Maritime ports in order to alleviate the situation at the St. Lawrence ports?

Mr. Lang: Not in connection with the immediate situation, Mr. Speaker, although there are general discussions about the use of additional equipment for possible movements of this sort at different times of the year.

[Mr. Muir.]

TRANSPORT

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—SUBMISSION TO MINISTER OF
PROPOSALS FOR SUBSIDIES

Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport and arises from the fact that his speech yesterday was cut off in full flight. I should like to ask whether his speech as recorded covered all his proposals for a new Atlantic transportation policy, or whether there are any specific proposals in that part of his speech which unfortunately did not get on the record?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have very serious doubts about that question. Perhaps the hon. member would like the minister to pursue the speech he was making yesterday, but a question in that form is not in order at this time.

Mr. Thomas (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might rephrase my question. The Minister of Transport referred to discussions he had with the Atlantic Provinces Transportation Commission and the federal-provincial agency and to various areas of agreement that were reached. Has a date been agreed upon by the minister and the commission as to when these specific proposals will be presented to him for selective subsidies?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker, but I would be prepared, as I indicated to the commission, to receive them as soon as possible. I asked them, in fact, if they would undertake this particular job. I have not had a definite confirmation from them that they will undertake it, although I suspect they will. When I get that information I will, as I assured them, act on it immediately.

Mr. Thomas (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, I ask the minister whether these discussions covered the whole range of railway freight rates and whether agreement has been reached on the action to be taken to hold freight rates in line until a policy has been evolved?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, the commission did not specifically ask that question. I think the emphasis was primarily on the matter of selectivity and the more useful employment of the tens of millions of dollars that are now being expended in one way or another. It was agreed that this money was not being expended to the best advantage. The discussions were more in respect of selectivity than on the question raised by the hon. member.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—PROPOSED FREIGHT RATE
INCREASE—REQUEST THAT MINISTER HOLD
DISCUSSIONS WITH CARRIERS

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, I asked the Minister of Transport yesterday about the Canadian Railway Express Association intention to ask the Canadian Transport Commission for a further freight rate increase in Atlantic Canada, and perhaps all across Canada. The minister replied that he was limited under the act as to what he could do with the CTC. I appreciate in large part the limitations on him, but is the minister going to do anything in the way of moral suasion or