

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport.

Would he be ready to carry on the inquiry in order to determine whether it was not an act of sabotage, as my colleague from Kamouraska (Mr. Dionne) was aboard the train when the accident happened?

[English]

THE ROYAL FAMILY**INVESTITURE OF PRINCE OF WALES**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether the government of Canada has decided to provide for representation at the dedication of the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon next month? Is any determination to be made in this regard?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker; but perhaps the Secretary of State for External Affairs will have a more complete answer.

REMOVAL OF PORTRAIT OF QUEEN FROM EMBASSIES

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): May I also ask the Prime Minister whether he, as Prime Minister, or the cabinet, has given directions for the Queen's picture to be removed from all Canadian embassies, particularly those in the Middle East?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have not heard of such direction being given, particularly with regard to embassies in the Middle East.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I know reference to the Queen's picture always causes frivolity amongst Liberal members. In that regard they do not represent the people of this country. I ask the Prime Minister, will he look into this question, because the *Toronto Telegram* reports—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, we must obtain our information from the newspapers. We cannot get it from the government.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Selkirk.

[Mr. Jamieson.]

HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS**LOUIS RIEL—REPRESENTATION AT DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question to the Prime Minister is supplementary to the one of the right hon. member for Prince Albert to do with the dedication ceremony. Will the Prime Minister say whether the federal government is to be represented at the dedication ceremonies when the memorial to Louis Riel is unveiled in Manitoba?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure under which minister's jurisdiction this question ought to come.

An hon. Member: Try the Solicitor General.

Mr. Trudeau: In any event I shall have to inquire to see if such plans exist, Mr. Speaker.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**MEETING TO DISCUSS TREATY RIGHTS RESEARCH**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has he taken the opportunity so far to meet the committee of six designated by the national Indian conference, and has he discussed with them the question of adequate financial support for research by Indian people into treaty rights and related matters?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not yet had the chance to meet officially the members of the committee. I told them I would be happy to meet them at the end of this month, or at the beginning of next month. As soon as we can manage to hold a meeting somewhere, when communications are slightly better in Canada, I will be happy to meet them.

[English]

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister undertake to announce a firm decision on the question of adequate support for this independent research before his promised statement in June concerning the Indian Act.