

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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### AIRPORTS

#### REGINA—MEETINGS WITH CITY REGARDING SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Will the minister be holding further meetings with the city of Regina with regard to the sale of city-owned property at the Regina airport? If so, will the minister inform the House when such meetings will be held?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday in a telephone conversation with the newly elected mayor of Regina I accepted his invitation for further discussions. These will be held at a later date to be indicated by him. I informed him that I would meet with him at his convenience either in Ottawa or in Regina.

**Mr. Burton:** Does the government find unacceptable the land values established by the two appraisers selected by the government and the city?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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### INDUSTRY

#### ACTION TO PREVENT CLOSING OF DUNLOP TIRE PLANT IN WHITBY

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario):** I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the serious reports with respect to the possible closing of the Dunlop tire plant in the town of Whitby, can the minister indicate what steps, if any, his department intends to take in order to prevent such an occurrence?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I have no report to that effect, Mr. Speaker, but the hon. member was kind enough to bring this to my attention yesterday and I am having it checked now. I know though that officials of my department were recently in Whitby and received no indication of such action. It is well known that my department is trying to bring about a tire plant for Canada. Everyone agrees there is a need for rationalization in that. I was amazed to find out, for example, that 191 different types of tires make up for only six per cent of the Canadian production. This has to be rationalized.

**Mr. Woolliams:** You need a retread.

**Mr. Pepin:** We are working along the line of freedom of imports of certain types of tires against increased production of a fewer number of types.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Cafik:** As many people feel that the regional development loans made available by the federal government and the government of Nova Scotia to the Michelin tire plant in Nova Scotia have contributed to some of the difficulties that Canadian manufacturers are experiencing, will the minister indicate whether such loans will be made available to plants already existing in this country to assist them to be more competitive?

**Mr. Pepin:** I do not think anyone who is familiar with the problems of the tire companies in Canada would say they originated with the Michelin deal. These difficulties have been with us for a number of years and I do not think they can be attributed to the recent decisions of the governments of Canada and Nova Scotia.

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### INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### ACTION TO ALLEVIATE HARDSHIP AT SOUTHBEND

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** My question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has action been taken on reports from the Indian settlement at Southend where people are existing on meagre means because of low fur returns, the unavailability of game and the difficulty in catching fish because of slush on the ice?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I have inquired about the matter and I am pleased to advise the House that we have granted supplementary assistance to the persons concerned owing to their difficult position. We have obtained from the Saskatchewan government the authorization for Indians to kill elk and moose. My department has provided the Indians with the necessary means of transport to carry that meat to the village. It now seems that the situation has again become normal.

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[English]

### NATIONAL PARKS

#### BONNE BAY—DECISION ON BOUNDARIES, COMMENCEMENT OF SURVEY WORK

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** My question, too, is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can the minister advise us whether a definite decision has yet been reached as to the boundaries of the Bonne Bay park in western Newfoundland and, if so, when will survey work be started having regard to the unemployment crisis we are facing?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest to the hon. member that a question of this nature should normally be put in writing. If there is urgency, the minister might like to