

Oral Questions

[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

POLICY RESPECTING QUEBEC ECONOMIC EXPANSION—
RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCIAL
AUTHORITIES

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Are the negotiations between the government of Quebec and the government of Canada about the revision of the policy of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion begun last May, completed, and when can we expect an announcement to be made?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, all phases are not as yet completed. I am happy to report that considerable progress is being made. There should be something to report within a matter of two or three weeks.

[Translation]

ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN TOWNSHIPS—GOVERNMENT
POSITION

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Could the minister indicate if the government is prepared to make public the position of the government of Canada with respect to the assistance it intends to make available to the Eastern Townships?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Yes, Mr. Speaker. In so far as the working papers are concerned, all of them have now been released. There may be subsequent papers which I will be equally happy to release. In so far as the eastern townships are concerned, we have identified these as being one of the areas of our greatest concern and where a considerable amount of our activity should take place in terms of regional development.

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GRAIN

CEREAL GRAINS—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE NO EXPORT
CONTROLS WILL BE IMPOSED

Mr. Frank Hamilton (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. Because the international and Canadian grain trade fear that government export permits will be required for all grains after harvest this fall, the Canadian Wheat Board had to turn down offers of \$5 a bushel for No. 1 amber Durum wheat. Will the minister, in order to rectify this unusual situation, give an assurance that cereal grains will not be subject to export restriction by government permit in the coming crop year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am convinced there can be nothing at all to the suggestion

[Mr. Speaker.]

of the hon. member with regard to the specific sale. I am also convinced the Wheat Board is fully aware of what I will state, that is, that the basis for export of wheat, barley and oats will be exactly the same next year as it has been for many years.

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AIR TRANSPORT

ALLEGED PRESSURE ON CANADIAN PACIFIC TO
ABANDON ROUTE TO AMSTERDAM TO ACQUIRE ROUTE TO
MILAN—LOSS OF REVENUE TO CANADIAN CARRIERS

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister confirm or deny the suggestion that is abroad—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the hon. member realizes that a question asked in those terms is clearly out of order.

Mr. Blenkarn: Is the Minister of Transport attempting to force Canadian Pacific airlines to abandon its entry into Amsterdam in order to acquire the rights to Milan?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this is the first time I have heard about this.

Mr. Blenkarn: Has the government calculated the loss of revenue to Canadian carriers by virtue of the fact that landing rights in Milan have not been granted to them?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

POLICY IN NOTIFYING APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF
APPLICATIONS—REFERENCE TO APPLICATIONS FOR
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROJECTS

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is it government policy that in all federal programs which invite applications from the Canadian public, after determination of approval or rejection by the department involved the notification of approval is transmitted by letter, over the signature of the cabinet minister concerned, on ministerial stationery, whereas those whose applications are rejected are so informed by public servants in the department involved, on ordinary departmental stationery?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this is the first time I have heard this representation. I will consider it.

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State. Will the minister kindly inform the House whether all those whose Opportunities for Youth applications were approved were notified by letter, on ministerial stationery, signed by himself, whereas all those whose OFY applications were rejected