

occurred—we will grant a permit as long as the plans are all right. But as far as drilling from ships or platforms is concerned we shall not grant any drilling permits before 1976.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Thank you.

**Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Would the minister be willing to table the environmental studies which he says prove that these artificial islands are so safe?

**Mr. Chrétien:** I will inquire whether there are specific documents on that aspect. I am saying there was inter-departmental consultation and that there was approval by everyone. I would rather have the confidence of the people of Tuktoyaktuk than of the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands.

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[Translation]

### TRANSPORT

#### SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY CARS—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport.

Since there is a shortage of cars and also locomotives apparently, could the minister say whether he considers using his influence with the Treasury Board so that an amount of money be lent to the CN at an interest rate not exceeding administrative costs in order that this company may take delivery of the order which had been destined to Cuba?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member might perhaps repeat his question. I have the feeling that the minister did not hear it.

**Mr. Godin:** Mr. Speaker, I will repeat it word for word. Since there is a shortage of cars and also locomotives apparently, could the minister say whether he considers using his influence with the Treasury Board so that an amount of money be lent to the CN at an interest rate not exceeding administrative costs in order that this company may take delivery of the order which had been destined to Cuba?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I referred a while ago to a CN ruling. In my opinion, the first responsibility regarding the construction of railway locomotives and cars falls on the railway companies, not on the government. Then I reported that the CN had decided to spend \$42 million. We shall let them spend it and if afterwards there are other problems, we shall see.

### Oral Questions

[English]

### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

#### REQUEST FOR ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INCREASING COST AND EFFECT IN FEEDING INFLATION

**Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. Will the President of the Treasury Board consider arranging for a royal commission of inquiry into the large and growing cost of government administration and the effect that such expenditures have in feeding inflation?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** I think the House is well aware that some years ago there was an inquiry by a royal commission into government organization. I would be prepared to consider whether such an initiative should be repeated, either now or in the future.

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### PENITENTIARIES

#### POLICY RESPECTING PAROLE AND TEMPORARY PASSES IN LIGHT OF MURDER BY INMATE WHILE OUT OF INSTITUTION—REQUEST FOR INQUIRY

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Solicitor General. I put a question to him last week in reference to a man by the name of Booth. My question today refers to a man by the name of Kully who was allowed out on temporary passes. During the period of his incarceration, having been convicted of raping and killing a five-year-old girl in 1966, he had received no psychiatric treatment. While he was out of the institution he committed a second murder for which a judge has now sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment, saying that no parole or temporary pass can be given. Can the Solicitor General tell us whether this policy is to be accepted by the government and by the Parole Board?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Last year, when Mr. Kully was away from the institution and committed the offence for which he has now been found guilty, he was not on unescorted temporary absence; he was with an escort.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Allmand:** He escaped from the escort. I might add that he has not been sentenced to 20 years. He has been given a life sentence but in accordance with the new law we passed in December the judge has stipulated he will not be eligible for parole for at least 20 years.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Thank you very much. I should like to put one more question. Since it is very difficult to obtain information about cases like this—there are several similar cases I could list though I will not take the time in which to do so this afternoon—will the minister tell us whether he now agrees with what the Prime Minister said last session and call for a judicial inquiry into the whole mess which has arisen in connection with these convicted