

NATIONAL PARKS

BONNE BAY—PARTICIPATION OF CITIZENS IN PLANNING THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): My question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Is it the intention of the minister to hold public hearings in Newfoundland with interested citizens and authorities to permit them to participate and advise on the progressive planning of the national park at Bonne Bay?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we have formulated a policy along those lines, and public hearings are being held where can be heard those who wish to make representations concerning the preparation of future parks.

In so far as the new parks are concerned, the problem is naturally a little more complicated since we must take into account the wish of citizens to proceed quickly. It is obvious that consultations like those requested by the hon. member could cause considerable delays. However, we can consider the possibility of having one for Bonne Bay.

[English]

[Later:]

NOVA SCOTIA—PROVINCIAL REQUEST FOR SURVEY OF SITE FOR THIRD PARK

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Will the minister indicate to the House whether he has received a request from the government of the province of Nova Scotia to undertake a survey of the area between Joggins and Apple River in Cumberland county as the site for a third national park in Nova Scotia?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will allow the minister to reply to the hon. member's question. In the past I have expressed reservations about questions being asked during the question period regarding the possibility of national parks in the many constituencies across the country. I suggest to hon. members that this kind of question should normally be put on the order paper. All hon. members have an interest in the possibility of national parks in their constituencies. We might spend most of the question period every day asking whether national parks will be established in hon. members' constituencies, including Stormont-Dundas.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: For the moment, the minister will be allowed to reply to the question.

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): I am very happy to confirm the fact that the national parks of Canada are very popular indeed. In reply to the question asked by the hon. member, I do not know of any request by the provincial

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government with regard to a survey. We are having discussions with the Nova Scotia government with regard to establishing a third national park in that province, but I cannot state the nature of those conversations at this time.

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PENITENTIARIES

KINGSTON—REPRESENTATIONS FROM PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE RESPECTING GRANT TO GUARDS HELD HOSTAGE DURING RIOT

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): My question is for the Solicitor General. Has the minister received a letter from Paul Gascon, secretary-treasurer of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, Solicitor General component, asking the government to grant \$5,000 compensation to each of the officers who were held hostage last week at Kingston penitentiary? If so, what does the minister plan to do about it?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

GRAIN

WHEAT—AVAILABILITY OF TRANSITIONAL PAYMENTS TO FARMERS PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF STABILIZATION LEGISLATION

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): I have a question for the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. Having regard to the serious cash shortage in the western agricultural economy at the present time, will the government give immediate consideration to and implementation of suggestions that the contemplated \$100 million acreage payment be made available to western farmers prior to the passing of the government's agricultural stabilization legislation?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): We shall require legislative approval for the payment of the \$100 million. I hope this may be given fairly soon in order that the money may get into the farmers' hands as early as possible.

RAPESEED—PRODUCERS' VOTE ON METHOD OF MARKETING

Mr. Jack Muria (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer to the question which was posed by my right hon. friend from Prince Albert and ask the minister responsible for the Wheat Board whether he can assure the House that a producer vote will be taken with respect to the inclusion of rapeseed under the Canadian Wheat Board and that action will not be taken merely on the basis of requests from large grain companies and farm organizations?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I should like to assure hon. members that when I spoke of full producer support I was talking about the