IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE RECOVERY OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM UGANDA

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of our government's humane and generous gesture last year of inviting to Canada a number of immigrants from Uganda, can he tell the House whether it is now the policy of his department to recover from these refugees, who came to Canada as a result of the inclement climate in their political system there, the transportation costs incurred by the government?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will check into the status of that and let the hon. member know.

AGRICULTURE

POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF INCENTIVES FOR PRODUCTION—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of his statement that the government would be introducing incentive programs to help farmers "grow to beat the band this year", can he tell the House when these incentives will be introduced as seeding is already far advanced?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, prices have been incentive enough for them. A lot more fertilizer has been used and they have seeded as many crops as expected and will seed even more than they did before.

FLOODS

HIGH WATER LEVEL IN LAKE ONTARIO—EFFECT ON PRIVATE LANDS OF LACK OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES ON ADJACENT GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Mr. Kenneth J. Higson (Lincoln): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Is he aware of the continuing erosion of vacant lands owned by the government of Canada along the shoreline of Lake Ontario as a result of the increasing high water level of Lake Ontario where no protective measures are being taken, and the adverse effect this lack of protection is having on adjoining improved privately owned lands where such protective measures have or are being taken, and what does he propose that the government should do about this situation?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the Department of Public Works or the Canadian government do not necessarily assume responsibility for all damages caused by erosion. This erosion must have been caused by navigation or by federal undertak-

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ings in order for us to assume responsibility. I will have in this instance to check the hon. member's request to see whether this actually comes under the responsibility of the federal government.

[English]

AIRPORTS

WINDSOR, ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE EXPANSION BASED ON DOMESTIC DEMAND

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Can he assure the House that the proposed expansion of the Windsor, Ontario, airport is based on domestic demand and is not a response to the Detroit charter business?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): It is most surely for local demand.

[Later:]

Mr. Blackburn: Mr. Speaker, can the minister explain the rationale behind extending the airport in a community the size of Windsor, Ontario, for the purpose of jumbo jet aircraft?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. A question asked in those terms is argumentative or invites debate—perhaps that is a better way to put it—and is not in order.

INDUSTRY

SHOES AND TANNING—POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT ACTION IN LIGHT OF REPORT OF ANTI-DUMPING TRIBUNAL

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Can he now confirm that he has received a report from the anti-dumping tribunal in respect of the shoe industry in Canada and, if so, when will he be in a position to make a statement as to what his department or the government intends to do to relieve the plight of the shoe and tanning industries of this country?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have received a report from the anti-dumping tribunal and I expect to make a statement in the very near future.