

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Monday, April 24, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### TABLING OF STATEMENT RESPECTING COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the house I should like to table a statement I have issued on behalf of the government in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### YOUTH COMMISSION PERSONNEL, SAINT JOHN

Question No. 2,731—**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):**

What are the names of the personnel working in the greater Saint John area for the Canada youth commission and what are their specific duties?

**Mr. John R. Matheson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** I am informed by the Company of Young Canadians as follows: Mr. and Mrs. G. Fatels and Miss S. Williamson are the Company of Young Canadians' volunteers working in Saint John, N.B. They were requested by the Saint John urban redevelopment office to assist in the development of the north end - west side urban renewal scheme, and have been working with the residents of that area in studying the redevelopment opportunities available in that program.

#### CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS RIEL

Question No. 2,739—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. Has the government of Canada or the Canadian centennial commission any plans to arrange for the commemoration of Louis Riel during centennial year?

2. If so, what is the nature of these plans or arrangements?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the centennial commission as follows: The confederation train and caravans, in sections dealing with western Canada (1869) (1885) commemorate Mr. Louis Riel.

Under Festival Canada, a program of the centennial commission, an opera entitled "Riel" has been commissioned. The libretto is by Mr. Mavor Moore and the music by Mr. Harry Somers.

#### TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TAKEOVER OF ROCKCLIFFE AIR STATION

Question No. 2,744—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Is it the intention of the Department of Transport to take over the airfield and all or part of its facilities at the Rockcliffe air station as of April 1, 1967?

2. If so, have the Canadian armed forces agreed to this turnover, and what facilities are to be included?

3. Are steps being taken to locate storage space for goods and material now stored in the two hangars located on the northern boundary of the air station so that these may be vacated and turned over without delay to the Department of Transport?

4. Is there existing storage space in the so-called ready hangars located at the extreme southeast section of the Uplands airport where such goods and material could be stored?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Departments of Transport and National Defence as follows: 1. It is the intention of the Department of Transport to take over the airport proper and one associated building at the Rockcliffe air station, to be operated on a temporary basis, day VFR conditions, and at minimal licenceable standards for the convenience of light local and itinerant aircraft. Further consideration will be given to its continued operation if the needs of the aviation industry warrant. The takeover is to be effective as soon after April 1, 1967, as these takeover arrangements can be completed.

2. The Department of National Defence proposed this takeover, which includes the land and runway complex comprising the airfield and one building.

3. Only one of the two hangars on the northern boundary is being vacated.

4. No.