CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

BRITISH COLUMBIA—PROPOSED REDUCTION IN PASSENGER SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport and ask him whether he is aware of the fact that a few days ago the Canadian National Railways made a decision to reduce the frequency of their passenger service along the Prince Rupert to Prince George line from the one train a day schedule to three trains a week; and if he is aware of this, could he indicate what steps he might take to make representations to the C.N.R. to induce them to change it?

Mr. Speaker: I think the question should be placed on the order paper. In any event the hon, member has made a representation to the minister.

POLLUTION

INQUIRIES AS TO FEDERAL JURISDICTION OVER CONTROL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the announcement that the new fuels research centre will be investigating the suppression of atmospheric pollution, is his department taking over responsibility for air pollution control?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is there a federal authority with continuing jurisdiction to inquire into pollution in international water systems such as the Okanagan system?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question should be put on the order paper.

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Can he tell us whether the government has taken any further action to co-ordinate all matters of pollution within one department?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would think this is the type of question which should not be asked at this time. Inquiries of the Ministry

[Later:]

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): My question is directed to the Prime Minister. May I ask the right hon. gentleman whether it is the intention of the government to place matters concerning air and water pollution under one department?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): It is important, Mr. Speaker, to have these matters co-ordinated, and they are being coordinated.

[Translation]

AIRPORTS

MONTREAL—COST OF TRANSPORTING HAND BAGGAGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hellyer).

As the Montreal airport is the only airport in Canada where luggage porters charge a fixed amount for each piece of luggage carried, would the minister tell us whether he has received representations for the removal of this obligatory charge and can he apprise us of the intentions of his department in that respect?

Mr. Speaker: Order. May I suggest to the member for Lapointe that this question is not urgent enough to be acceptable at this time and, further more it could easily be put on the order paper.

Mr. Grégoire: At ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

PUBLIC WORKS

TORONTO—INQUIRY AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance what funds are presently available to the city of Toronto for the construction of Toronto's centennial project, the St. Lawrence centre for the arts; and could he also inform the house as to the site for the construction of the C.B.C. building.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking for statistical information and this type of question cannot be asked at this time.

Mr. Haidasz: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.