

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I brought to the attention of hon. members a moment ago, the fact that we were running short of time. I think it should be time to give an opportunity to other hon. members to participate in this particular operation. These remarks include ministers, who might supplement their replies on Monday.

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### TRADE

#### REPRESENTATIONS BY JAPANESE IMPORTERS RESPECTING MARKETING OF RAPESEED

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Have Japanese importers made any representations to his department or any other department, so far as he is aware, regarding the placing of the marketing of rapeseed under the Canadian Wheat Board?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Not so far as I am aware, Mr. Speaker, but I will inquire.

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[Translation]

### HOUSING

#### ABOLITION OF SALES TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the minister responsible for housing.

Considering the economic situation and the uncontrollable unemployment rate, are the officials of his department examining the possibility of abolishing the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials?

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[English]

### POST OFFICE

#### ALLEGED DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM NEW MAIL ROUTINGS

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Post Office. Since new mail routings introduced by the Post Office have in many cases resulted in much slower mail service and reduced standards, is the minister planning a further overhaul to correct the mess that exists in many places?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, I did not quite understand the first part of the question.

**Mr. Burton:** Is the minister not aware that there are many cases in Canada, such as some in Saskatchewan which have come to my attention, where mail that formerly travelled 109 miles in two days to reach its destination from a major centre now has to travel almost 350 miles and takes six days?

### Inquiries of the Ministry

**An hon. Member:** That is a mess.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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### LABOUR RELATIONS

#### SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEES

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I have heard that there may have been some recent developments in connection with contract negotiations between the union and the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority. I wonder whether the minister would like to make a statement or indicate to the House if any developments have taken place that should be mentioned at this time?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, hon. members will realize that this takes me completely by surprise.

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

**Mr. Jamieson:** I am happy to advise the hon. member and the House that a settlement of the seaway negotiations was completed this morning, thus keeping the Minister of Labour's batting average pretty close to 1,000.

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### INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### LENNOX ISLAND RESERVE—CONSTRUCTION OF LINK TO MAINLAND

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Inasmuch as there is an appropriation in this year's estimates for the construction of a link between the Lennox Island Indian Reserve and Prince Edward Island, can the minister indicate when construction will commence this year?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot give the answer today but I shall inquire and inform the hon. member by mail.

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[English]

### HOUSING

#### POSITION RESPECTING MORTGAGE ON ROCHDALE COLLEGE, TORONTO—INQUIRY AS TO STATEMENT

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible for housing and urban affairs. It deals with the overdue mortgage held by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on Rochdale College, Toronto. Would the minister say