

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO BUILDING,
JARVIS STREET, TORONTO—CITY'S REQUEST FOR LEASE
ARRANGEMENT TO CONTINUE HOUSING UNTIL NEXT
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Mr. John Harney (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General or the Minister of Public Works, whichever is the more competent in the matter. It relates to the purchase by the Department of Public Works of property adjacent to the RCMP building on Jarvis Street, Toronto. As the property in question now provides housing for over 120 persons and as the City of Toronto has offered to arrange accommodation for these persons in that property until September 1, 1974, will the minister state whether his department intends to accede to the city's request for a lease arrangement to September 1, 1974?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of both ministers I will look into the matter and reply to the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps I should remind hon. members that we will be running short of time and we should try to limit supplementaries as much as possible. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Scarborough West on a last supplementary.

Mr. Harney: Mr. Speaker, while the ministers are looking into the matter, could I address a supplementary to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Considering that the minister has expended considerable effort to be in touch with the municipalities of Canada in a general way at tri-level conferences, and in view of the fact the Department of Public Works acquired the Jarvis Street—Shuter Street property in Toronto without prior consultation with the city or its planning agencies, will the minister undertake to urge his colleagues at least to inform the city or other Canadian cities as to what plans they have in store for properties in municipalities, and whether in this particular case the plan will involve use of the property for surface parking or a horse pasture?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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ENERGY

SURVEY OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND INDUSTRIES TO
DETERMINE WHICH STILL RETAIN COAL BURNING
CAPABILITY

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has he undertaken a comprehensive survey to determine what public institutions or industries in Canada still retain coal burning capability? If this has been done, can he state whether or not the government has any program for encouraging them to take the pressure off petroleum products by switching back to coal where that is practical?

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Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I must confess I have not myself undertaken such a survey, but it is a useful suggestion by the hon. member.

POSSIBLE STEPS TO CURTAIL SALE OF OIL AND
LUBRICANTS TO FOREIGN FISHING FLEETS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In light of the energy crisis, is the government taking any steps to limit or prohibit the sale of oil and lubricants from Canadian sources to the foreign fishing fleet presently operating on Canada's continental shelf?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, as I recall, these products are not under National Energy Board control and I think the correct answer to that would be no.

CONSIDERATION OF SHORTAGE OF OIL IN ATLANTIC
CANADA IN STUDY OF EFFECTS IF SALES TO FOREIGN
FISHING FLEETS PROHIBITED

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of the Environment. Will the shortage of oil in Atlantic Canada be taken into consideration by Dr. Weeks during his present studies of the over-all effects on industries in Atlantic Canada and the operations of foreign fishing fleets off our coasts if sales to these fleets are prohibited?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Definitely, Mr. Speaker.

ACTION TO ENSURE NEW ELECTRIC UTILITIES WILL USE
NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES RATHER THAN OIL

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the shortages of petroleum products in eastern Canada and the adequate supplies of uranium, does the government plan to take any action to ensure that new electrical utilities coming on stream will use nuclear power sources rather than petroleum as a source of energy, so that we may avoid the situation such as that at the Lennox Generating Station of Ontario Hydro where, as I understand it, some consideration is now being given to converting this petroleum burning plant to coal even before it goes into production?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, in general terms, yes, we do have a program such as that now in operation at Gentilly, Quebec, to encourage wider Canadian use of the CANDU reactor. We are pleased that Ontario Hydro, despite the Lennox decision, is going ahead with 8,000 megawatts of nuclear capacity in the next 15 years.