

### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### FEDERAL COMMITMENT RESPECTING CONSTRUCTION OF SUPERPORT AT LORNEVILLE, N.B.

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Has any federal commitment been given, either unqualified or conditional, to the superport known as Lorneville in New Brunswick, as reported by the president of the New Brunswick Development Corporation yesterday?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I will inquire about that and will be glad to report to the House.

**Mr. Nowlan:** When the minister inquires, in view of the statement of the president of the New Brunswick Development Corporation that such an announcement will be made in January will he make sure before any commitment is made that he and his officials have access to the most recent report on a superport for the Atlantic area, prepared by Jones, Bardelmieir, and Clements and I believe almost ready for release, which suggests that the superport for the Atlantic region should be in the Canso Strait area?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I will inquire first if any commitment was made.

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### NATURAL RESOURCES

#### NEGOTIATIONS WITH NOVA SCOTIA RESPECTING OFFSHORE MINERAL RIGHTS

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is it government policy "to keep its cotton-picking hands off the Atlantic offshore mineral resources", as warned by the new Premier of Nova Scotia?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member knows that his question cannot be asked in those terms. Perhaps he could find a more acceptable way procedurally in which to ask it.

**Mr. Comeau:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the statement made on Saturday by the Premier of Nova Scotia, has the Prime Minister been requested to renegotiate or are there direct negotiations going on at the present time with respect to offshore mineral resources?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Well, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has made very concrete proposals to all the provinces, including Nova Scotia, and in most cases we are still awaiting their responses to our proposals. I believe the Atlantic provinces have had consultation among themselves as to the type of response they want to give to the federal government. Perhaps the Premier of Nova Scotia, whom we are happy to see in that job, will be able to do a bit of homework and make sure it is not our intention to put our hands on anything that does not belong to us.

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### Inquiries of the Ministry

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, based on the statement just made by the Prime Minister. Although he stated that the government did not want to put its hands on anything that did not belong to them, will he now take under consideration Bill C-135 on which I have presented a petition to the House? From that he should realize that the government has already disclaimed ownership of offshore mineral rights in Nova Scotia.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I shall have to take notice of that question. I do not know if it refers to the heavy water plant and I do not know if the Premier of Nova Scotia wants us to keep our hands off that as well.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker, I can enlighten the Prime Minister since he was Minister of Justice when this bill was placed before the House. I am talking about mineral rights—

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

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#### GRANT TO PROCTOR AND GAMBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PULP MILL IN ALBERTA—CONSIDERATION OF CANADIAN COMPANY OR CROWN CORPORATION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the minister's recent announcement that Procter and Gamble are to receive an incentive of some \$11,790,000 to construct a pulp mill in Alberta, can the minister indicate whether this is a foreign-controlled corporation? If so, was consideration given to providing the incentive to a Canadian company or Crown corporation?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, we certainly considered the possibility of an incentive to a Canadian company, which unfortunately was not ready to start operations at this time.

[English]

#### PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONTROL OF PROPOSED ALBERTA PULP MILL

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, Mr. Speaker. In view of the large investment by the federal government in the proposed pulp mill in Alberta, is it the intention of the government, either directly or through one of its Crown agencies, to hold any equity capital in this operation, or is there going to be any safeguard of the federal interest through having some members on the board of directors—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would think the hon. member's supplementary might be placed on the order paper.