

AIRPORTS

TORONTO—SITE OF NEW AUXILIARY AIRPORT

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Recently in Toronto, the Prime Minister stated that the federal government had agreed upon a site for the new auxiliary airport at Toronto. I now ask the minister if he is in a position to advise the House of that site, and if not when he might advise us.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there is nothing new on this question since I reported on it last, I believe in answer to a question from the hon. member. It is true we have, in a sense, a preferred site among the number proposed. What we have suggested to the province of Ontario is that we proceed at a particular site, but always leave open the option of having that changed subsequent to such representations as would bring about that result. We are still waiting to hear from the province of Ontario as to its reaction to this proposal. I repeat that they are examining all the implications before doing so, but I would hope we would get some answer soon.

Mr. Hales: I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister say whether or not the federal government has offered the same cost-sharing arrangement to the province of Ontario as was offered to the province of Quebec in connection with the St. Scholastique airport.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the minister might reply briefly, but that would seem to be precisely the kind of question the hon. member asked a few days ago.

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I shall try to answer briefly. I have indicated our willingness to discuss with the province of Ontario some form of cost-sharing with regard to the various facilities involved at the airport project, but this is hypothetical until we know the precise site and until we know what services will be necessary.

[Later:]

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport one short question. Has the province of Ontario given any indication to the minister concerning when it will hand down its decision in respect of this matter.

Mr. Jamieson: No, Mr. Speaker. In fairness, I do not wish to suggest there is some sort of deliberate resistance in this matter. I have repeated in the House many times that it is a very complex question and that they want to examine all the data relating to it. All I have said is that I am prepared to proceed with the discussions whenever they wish to do so, and I would hope that would be soon.

Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. I would like to know if it is likely that a decision will be made by the province of Ontario, which might be disruptive for some reason, prior to a provincial election.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps we could have order because we are running short of time. There are only six minutes remaining before the end of the question period.

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MANPOWER

RETRAINING OF MANITOBA FISHERMEN—REQUEST FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO COST

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister since it involves more than one department, Fisheries and Manpower among them. Has the government as yet made a decision on the request of the government of Manitoba that 50 per cent of the cost of income support and retraining programs for fishermen put out of work because of mercury pollution of the fisheries be borne by the government of Canada.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to refer the question to the Minister of Fisheries.

Mr. Rowland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister if he would treat this as an urgent matter, since the program began in June and the representations began in early spring.

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AGRICULTURE

LIVESTOCK—STEPS TO CONTROL OUTBREAK OF ANTHRAX

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, would the Minister of Agriculture tell us what progress has been made in controlling the outbreak of anthrax in Wood Buffalo National Park.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I can advise the House that anthrax has been positively identified in some of the specimens that were taken from the carcasses. We have a team of veterinarians and other officials there to take the necessary action to quarantine the other animals in the area, to burn or bury the carcasses there and to take the other usual precautions in respect of an anthrax outbreak.

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HARBOURS

COME-BY-CHANCE, NEWFOUNDLAND—APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR IMPROVED DOCKING FACILITIES

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works concerning an application by the Newfoundland government for assistance to provide docking facilities at Come-By-Chance. Can the minister say whether this application has been approved.