

Inquiries of the Ministry

has been set up to assist our Indian people in the field of agricultural land development. Can the minister advise the house whether a further allocation of funds is expected and when he expects these further funds will be available to take care of the loans which have not yet been approved?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of this problem which is corollary to the loans program operated under the Farm Improvement Loans Act and I know that officials of my department were in Manitoba yesterday or the day before, to speed up approval of pending applications.

NATIONAL PARKS**GASPÉ—AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES**

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Following the Prime Minister's statement, yesterday, concerning the latest proposals made by the federal government with regard to Forillon park, could the minister tell the house whether the Quebec government has finally agreed to the principle and the main conditions of the development of that park?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I had telephone conversations with the Quebec premier and his Minister of Tourism yesterday, and we agreed in principle. The Minister of Tourism is coming to Ottawa next Tuesday to finalize the agreement.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development regarding Forillon park.

I understand the minister must go to Val-d'Or today for the inauguration of the airport. With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I am wishing the minister a nice trip in that beautiful area of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, does the minister have any idea when the federal-provincial agreement on Forillon park will be reached, so that we can immediately start developing this park?

Mr. Chrétien: I think we will be able to reach a definite agreement next Tuesday.

[English]

SECOND NATIONAL PARK IN SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister a supplementary question in respect of parks. On April 22, 1965 the federal government announced a second national park for the province of Saskatchewan. Can the minister indicate what progress is being made in this regard?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, negotiations are still under way and I hope that we will soon be able to make a regulation in the best interest of the citizens of Saskatchewan and of all Canadians.

[English]

JASPER—INQUIRY AS TO EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, during the minister's recent visit to Jasper National Park did he meet with the citizens of Jasper and was he able to give them some assurance in respect of an easing of the heavy hand of government and bureaucracy in that park?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I met—

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubts about that question. It seems to me to be argumentative.

Mr. Lamberi (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, was the minister able to meet—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Possibly the hon. member would like to rephrase his question. I have ruled it out of order, so I do not think there can be a supplementary question.

Mr. Dinsdale: I shall rephrase the supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Did the minister meet with the residents of Jasper National Park and was he able to come to any agreement in resolving their current problems?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I met at least 600 citizens from Jasper as well as the members of the Chamber of Commerce. We dis-