AIRPORTS

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE—ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL CHOICE OF LOCATION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister a question.

As some municipalities of the north shore of Quebec will be meeting tonight to discuss the famous location of the airport, and as some Quebecers are still hoping for a reversal of the original decision, would the Prime Minister, in the interest of all those who wish to take a constructive attitude towards this project, state clearly whether the choice of Ste. Scholastique is a final one.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker it has been stated several times by members of the cabinet, that the choice of this site was final and I need say only that the decision was the result of very long and numerous consultations with the authorities of the province and of the City of Montreal.

[English]

TRANSPORT

ACTION ON MEASURE RESPECTING MARITIME FREIGHT RATES

Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncton): My question is directed to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as leader of the house. Now that one of the few men opposite who understands maritime problems has been appointed Minister of Transport, will the hon. gentleman assure the house that this breakthrough will be followed by calling as the next order of business Bill C-182 to amend the Maritime Freight Rates Act?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): The hon. member will have observed that there is a certain difficulty in connection with that proposal, namely the fact that an extensive filibuster is going on in connection with the order of business presently under consideration. I understand that some hon. members have inquired earlier about the future of the National Housing Act proposals. We hope to pring these forward at an early date. In all probability the next order of business to be considered will be the official languages bill, followed by the bill to amend the National Housing Act.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

MARITIME FREIGHT RATES—REQUEST FOR DEBATE ON COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): When does the hon. gentleman propose to

Criminal Code

bring forward for consideration the committee report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications which is now before the house and which deals with this subject?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): We have heard enough filibustering on the Criminal Code bill, and I do not think we want to hear again from the hon. member.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

AGRICULTURE

POTATOES—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON ASSISTANCE TO P.E.I. GROWERS

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. A moment or two ago, when the Minister of Agriculture was being questioned, I asked a second supplementary question to try to clear up a confusion which seemed to have been created between myself and the minister on this matter. I tried to ask the minister whether through his officials in Prince Edward Island there would be initiated the kind of inquiry—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the confusion is between the hon. member and the minister it can be cleared up after orders of the day have been called. Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CRIMINAL CODE

REPORT STAGE

The house resumed, from Monday, May 5, consideration of Bill C-150, to amend the Criminal Code, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act, the Prisons and Reformatories Act and to make certain consequential amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Tariff and the National Defence Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, and motion No. 33, Mr. Laprise.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to the amendment now before the house. I am sure the record will show that I am ready and prepared to defend the procedural right of private members to move amendments or motions even when I do not agree with those amendments or motions. I submit that it