

Inquiries of the Ministry

An hon. Member: That means nothing's been done.

Mr. Korchinski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister taken up this matter with the appropriate people and consulted them on this question, since no damp grain is now moving out of the country elevators? Are dryers at the terminals working on a seven day a week basis yet?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, as I have said before, the transport committee, which is composed of the four entities my hon. friend is aware of, is trying to rationalize and regulate the flow from country elevators to terminals so that there will be no bottleneck and so the grain will neither freeze nor heat.

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to one that has just been asked and is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Will the government allow farmers who are having their grain dried under the emergency program to pay for this by future grain deliveries, or would the federal government absorb part of the cost of drying?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, it is quite easy for my hon. friends always to be two or three steps ahead of me in suggesting the provision of subsidies.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pepin: Perhaps if I were on the other side of the house I would do the same thing. We are trying to cope with the situation as it develops. A few months ago hon. members were asking us to pay subsidies on grain which had not then been harvested. It has now been harvested, and we are trying to cope with the situation now that the grain has been harvested. I am willing and eager to look at any suggestions, but the necessary steps will have to be taken as needed and not as suggested by hon. members.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—STORAGE FOR PERISHABLE GOODS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport in reference to the situation whereby the Canadian National does not accept freight or express on week ends for shipment from the province of Prince Edward Island. Will the minister explore

with the railway people the possibility of providing storage facilities for perishable goods awaiting shipment?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to do that.

[Translation]

NATIONAL REVENUE**INQUIRY AS TO TAXATION OF CO-OPERATIVES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

In view of pressure exerted by many financial bodies in Canada, would the minister tell the house whether it is his intention to tax credit unions' revenue on the same basis as other financial organizations in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult to determine whether or not this is an urgent question, but it seems to me that it could be put on the order paper.

[English]

TRANSPORT**KINGSTON, ONT.—ACCIDENT BETWEEN TURBO TRAIN AND TRUCK**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grace): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Will he advise the house whether he has requested a report on or an investigation into the level crossing accident yesterday near Kingston, Ontario, involving the turbo train and a truck? Will he also advise whether, before the first running of the train, any study was undertaken to determine whether the route taken by the turbo train and the level crossings were safe? Was it safe for the train to go across this level crossing?

Mr. Baldwin: Why not refer this to the transport committee?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Transport Commission is investigating the accident to determine exactly how it happened. I can also advise my hon. friend that advance studies were undertaken with regard to the safety aspects of operating trains at the speeds the turbo trains will travel. Every effort is being made to reduce risks to the maximum possible extent.