

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

### ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISING BY POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the shockingly bad mail service being provided to the consumers of Canada, would the minister tell the House whether he will take steps to prevent further misleading advertising by the Post Office which advises Canadians that assured mail service will provide next day delivery to designated locations in Canada?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I can assure all Canadian consumers that, in spite of the hon. member's remarks, the Canadian postal service, when compared with those of other countries, ranks among the best.

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[English]

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

### SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS IN SERVICE—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Transport. Recently the minister indicated that the government soon intends to introduce far reaching reforms to greatly improve passenger service on our railways. Those reforms will cost a great deal of money. Would the minister undertake to get them started now at no cost to anybody by asking the President of the CNR to ensure that air conditioning in railway cars works regularly instead of spasmodically as it does now when people arrive at their destination exhausted after travelling in 85 degree temperatures? Would he also ask him to provide meals to the point where they have some slight resemblance to the excellent meals that used to be served on railway dining cars?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I am going to forward the hon. member's personal request to the president of the CNR.

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## INDIAN AFFAIRS

### OWNERSHIP OF TOW PATH ALONG GRAND RIVER

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. What action is his department going to take to settle the long standing jurisdictional dispute over the ownership of the tow path along the Grand River which has irritated the Six Nations Indians for far too long?

## Oral Questions

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. member for advising me of his question. I have looked into the matter and discovered that the answer will require a considerable amount of research in the archives. I expect to have the information later this week and will make it available then.

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## ENERGY

### EXTENSION OF PIPELINE FROM SARNIA TO MONTREAL—DATE OF COMPLETION—CONTINGENCY PLANS IN EVENT OF OIL SHORTAGE

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Since last year at this time it was thought extremely urgent that Canada should build an extension of the pipeline from Sarnia to Montreal can the minister, in spite of the predictions at that time, now advise the House when tenders are going to be called? Can he also advise the new projected date of completion and give the House any other factual information he has at this time?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member may not be aware that the construction of pipelines in Canada is covered by the National Energy Board Act. An application has been submitted to the board by Interprovincial Pipe Lines but with the intervention of the province of Quebec the hearing was adjourned until a new right of way could be worked out. This has been done and the hearing will recommence on October 9. It is expected that if the decision of the board in that case is favourable, construction may commence either in the balance of this fall or the early spring, to be completed in early 1976 or mid-1976.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, was the date 1976 or 1977?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, the original date was the fall of 1975 but because of the intervention of Quebec it is now mid-1976.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In the event of certain conditions being applied this winter as they may have applied last winter, does the government have any contingency plan ready so that if there is an interruption in the delivery of offshore oil the people of eastern Canada will not suffer a shortage?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, last year the House created the Energy Supplies Allocation Board which is in the process of developing a contingency plan in case there is a fresh embargo by some or all of the oil producing nations.