

Inquiries of the Ministry

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

WILLINGNESS OF QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TO
ACCEPT FEDERAL GRANT FOR ENGLISH
LANGUAGE TRAINING

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. The temporary minimum security institution at Springhill is being closed on September 1. The institution, when it was created, was on a temporary basis. Since that time two other minimum security institutions have been created in the area. The prisoners will be transferred to the other minimum security institutions in the area.

Mr. Orlikow: I wish to ask the minister if that is the institution he told me about a month ago, that is being used to test new treatment facilities for psychiatric care?

Mr. McIlraith: No, Mr. Speaker. The institution referred to in answer to the question a month ago was the medium security penitentiary at Springhill.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Will the Solicitor General advise if there are any current plans for closing any other minimum institutions at this time?

Mr. McIlraith: No, Mr. Speaker. This particular one at Springhill is a matter of there not being enough inmates to require the services of that institution. There are three minimum security institutions in the maritimes. Two will adequately service the inmate population.

FARM MACHINERY

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF BARBER REPORT

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. Since the government does not appear disposed to making a policy statement until the information is received, I ask the minister when he anticipates the reports of the task force on agriculture and the Barber Commission will be completed and provided to the government?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I cannot give an indication of when that study will be completed because, as Dr. Barber has pointed out, there have been some significant changes in the pricing patterns in farm machinery in North America and as related to Europe, for example, in the last two or three months. He indicated in an interim paper he prepared for the Canadian Agriculture Congress that he wanted to look deeply into it. Indeed, members of this house asked that it be done. This of course makes it difficult to predict when his study will be completed.

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): My question is directed to the Prime Minister, and it is prompted by an article that appeared in yesterday's press. Can the Prime Minister tell the house whether the government of the province of Quebec has indicated its willingness to accept what amounts to a conditional grant from the federal government to assist in financing English language education in the province of Quebec?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not have that information. This question should be addressed to the Secretary of State, as it comes under his jurisdiction. He might answer when he is in the house.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

FREEZE IN TRACKER AIRCRAFT OVERHAUL

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): My question is to the Minister of Supply and Services. Notice of this question was given a few days ago by my colleague the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East. Can the minister say when a review of the Tracker and other contract programs involving Fairey Aviation of Canada will be completed?

Mr. Speaker: I forget what the reaction of the Chair was at the time the question was asked originally. If the question was allowed, perhaps the minister might answer now.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, the question was allowed last week. In fact two questions were allowed at much greater length—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister does not reply twice; he may reply once.

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I believe that question was directed to the Minister of National Defence. My understanding is that his parliamentary secretary has an answer.

Mr. McCleave: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. This involves the roster system again, and statements made by some ministers that they will bring questions to the attention of other ministers. At page 10706 of *Hansard* for June 27 the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatoon-Humboldt said:

Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to bring the hon. member's question to the attention of the Minister of Supply and Services.