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stature of our national defence but I can say so far as the experiments are concerned, and my information may not be quite up to date, that I think this erosion problem has been solved. We are to complete the experiments in heavy seas. After that, of course, the fundamental decision will be, where do we go from there?

Mr. Crouse: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the cost of this project, which was originally \$9 million, has now risen to some \$52 million, can the minister indicate what will be the estimated cost of these additional repairs?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps that supplementary might be placed on the Order Paper or, if there is urgency, it can be considered at the time of adjournment.

TRANSPORT

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGINA RAILWAY LINE RELOCATION

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has a decision been reached on representations by the city of Regina and the province of Saskatchewan for federal assistance on a rail line relocation plan for the city of Regina?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, a number of negotiations are under way simultaneously with regard to the relationship between the city of Regina and my department. We have turned back to the city a considerable amount of land near the airport. We have also agreed—if the hon. member will allow me to finish I will give him the answer to his question—to mutual arbitration with regard to the value of additional land. With regard to relocation, this is also part of the over-all negotiating package, and when all three matters are resolved, I hope the answer will be satisfactory to the city of Regina.

Mr. Burton: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the government considering legislative changes that would enable or facilitate the federal government to make a more adequate contribution to rail line relocation projects such as those proposed by the city of Regina and, I believe, by the city of Winnipeg as well?

Mr. Jamieson: And by about 25 other cities, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Cadieux (Labelle).]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Jamieson: We are trying to find a formula that will cover them all.

AGRICULTURE

STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE FARM MACHINERY PRICES

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. The importance of the matter arises from the season of the year. Can the minister indicate if any progress at all is being made in his negotiations to reduce the Canadian farm machinery prices of major companies now operating in Canada?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker, but I could not give details of that progress on this occasion. I have made statements outside the House, where I had a little more time, and indicated what steps have been taken.

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate whether he feels that sufficient progress is being made to bring about some final conclusion of the matter within the next week or two?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the question as asked is in order. The hon. member is simply asking the minister to express an opinion. That is not an acceptable question.

URANIUM

REGULATIONS RESPECTING OWNERSHIP OF COMPANIES

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether the regulations covering the policy with regard to ownership of uranium products and uranium companies are yet ready. If not, when may we expect them?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, they are not yet ready but we are working on them as quickly as possible. I hope we will have the regulations very shortly.

Mr. Lewis: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister what purpose there is in the meetings which are reportedly being held between him and Mr. Roman, the president of Denison Mines, at this time? What role are these meetings playing?