

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, as I have said, we consider this to be a serious problem and we are examining the matter now.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO WITHDRAWAL OF PUBLIC ORDER (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT IN VIEW OF BAIL LEGISLATION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I do not know to whom to direct this question because there are so many gallivanting ministers of the Crown, with only nine here today—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Woolliams:—but I hope I can get an answer from the Acting Prime Minister. Since the government is now bringing forward a bill to make bail easier, can the Acting Prime Minister tell the House whether the government has decided to withdraw the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act, known as the Turner bill in Quebec? I ask the question because making bail easier would seem to be in contradiction of the Act which is still in effect.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have no plans as yet to withdraw that measure. As I understand it, the province of Quebec still feels that it is desirable to have these special powers.

Mr. Woolliams: In view of the Acting Prime Minister's statement yesterday, does he believe there should be one law with reference to bail as far as the province of Quebec is concerned and another law as far as the rest of Canada is concerned?

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AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO CONTINUATION OF FEED GRAIN FREIGHT ASSISTANCE

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture; I have given him notice of same. Could the hon. gentleman indicate whether feed grain freight assistance will be continued, as requested at the meeting this week of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, may I express my appreciation to the hon. member for advising me as we were coming into the House that he intended to ask this question. I have not seen the full context of the request in the resolution that was considered at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture convention, but I should remind the hon. member that early last summer we indicated that the rates in effect now will continue until the end of this fiscal year. Of course, in the new fiscal year we will have to bring estimates before the House for the appropriation of funds for the levels we set for that year.

[Mr. Harding.]

Mr. McCleave: I wonder whether the minister would tell me whether he said yes to me or whether he said no?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I attempted to explain to the hon. member some of the procedural requirements relating to the expenditure of funds—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

TEXTILE INDUSTRY—POSSIBLE LAY-OFFS BECAUSE OF RATIONALIZATION POLICY

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Acting Prime Minister.

Could he give us an estimate of the number of Canadian textile workers who would be laid off as a result of the rationalization policy proposed by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce concerning this industry?

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman knows, the purpose of the legislation that has been introduced is to strengthen the position of the textile industry. I think it will and I believe that there will be less unemployment than otherwise would be the case.

[Translation]

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Could the Acting Prime Minister table in the House as soon as possible a statement on the number of jobs that will be created at Sainte-Scholastique, considering that, apparently, some very definite figures indicate that not more than 50 per cent of the number expected will be created? Could he tell the House how many jobs will be created following the construction of the Sainte-Scholastique airport?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Perhaps I might be permitted to answer that question, Mr. Speaker. I have not actually seen the assessment that was made but I understand it was made privately. It is purely a theoretical projection, and at this stage it is exceedingly difficult to come up with what might be described as a firm figure as to what the total permanent employment picture is going to be.

[Translation]

Mr. La Salle: I want to ask another supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Does the Minister of Transport still believe that it will be possible to make 100,000 new jobs available through the establishment of this airport, as it was indicated—