

arrangements for her to serve the department elsewhere.

Mr. Woolliams: Don't put her in the Post Office.

Mr. Ritchie: Are the employees and officials of the health services branch at The Pas now under the control of the Indian band in question?

Mr. Munro: They did not ask this in respect of all officials. They asked that the community health worker be responsible to the Indian band. We said we would look into it, that we had no objection to it and would try to work it out.

[Translation]

AIRPORTS

EFFECT ON DORVAL AIRPORT OF LANDING RIGHTS IN TORONTO

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Considering the new policy announced by the Minister of Transport to the effect that several airlines will be granted landing rights in Toronto, can the Prime Minister give us the assurance that this new policy will in no way reduce the importance of the Dorval airport?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not see in what way this can be called a new policy, Mr. Speaker, and the importance of the airport in Dorval will in no way be reduced. I suggest that what might have such an effect would be the new international airport that we intend to build in the province of Quebec. Discussions on that matter are presently going on with the provincial authorities and I think that we shall be able to announce our decision in one or two weeks, at the most. As a matter of fact, our decision depends on consultations. We have had a great many consultations with the provincial authorities and we are about to make a decision on the basis of the final representations which we will be receiving from them.

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

Could the Prime Minister tell us whether he is aware that the north shore has marked advantages—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Inquiries of the Ministry

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REPORT RESPECTING GROCERY PRICES ON PRAIRIES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct this question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Has the minister held meetings yet with the three responsible ministers from the prairie provinces in respect of the Batten report?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker. I met with the attorney-general of the province of Saskatchewan some time ago, and he indicated that he was most anxious to arrange a meeting with his two provincial colleagues from Manitoba and Alberta, and with myself. He has now arranged a meeting for this coming Monday in Winnipeg to discuss various aspects of the Batten report.

GASOLINE—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION IN ALBERTA

Mr. McGrath: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Combines Investigation Branch concluded its study of the Alberta royal commission report on gasoline marketing and, if so, because of the national implications of this report will the minister make a statement to the house on motions?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): We have not yet finished considering it, Mr. Speaker.

WATER RESOURCES

SURVEY OF REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday I directed a question to the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in connection with a report released by the United States interior department. Perhaps I should repeat the question: Has the federal government undertaken a survey of our water resources and our water needs and, if so, when will a report to the house on these studies be made? I ask the question in view of the statement made by the United States interior department regarding the possible importation of water from Canada.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, studies in the area of the subject referred to