

Inquiries of the Ministry

the Acting Minister of Transport. In view of the announcement by the Canadian Pacific Railway that they intend to reduce severely the passenger train service between Calgary and Lethbridge and between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, would the minister consider requiring the board of transport commissioners to issue an order granting a little more time to the people involved to make representations to the board? I might say that this reduction in service is to become effective on October 21.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Acting Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as I understand the act, the minister has no power to require the board of transport commissioners to take such action. However, I will draw the hon. member's statement to the attention of the board right away.

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister suggest to the railways at the same time that there be a moratorium on all passenger service cancellations until this matter has been thoroughly discussed on the bill which is going to be debated very shortly?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I can pass on the hon. member's statement to the railways, but I doubt that the two matters are related in a way that would warrant that kind of action being taken.

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, there are several other supplementary questions, but perhaps I could give notice to debate this matter at the adjournment hour.

Mr. McIlraith: Not tonight.

NATIONAL PARKS**JASPER AND BANFF—INQUIRY AS TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources I should like to direct a question to his parliamentary secretary. Would he inform the house if the development plans for Jasper townsite to be announced in Jasper on Monday are based on the Oberlander report commissioned in 1962? If so, would he agree to table the report in the house, as was done in the case of a similar report for the Banff townsite?

Mr. John N. Turner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, when the

announcement is made I think it will probably answer the hon. member's question. I will bring the second part of his question, having to do with the tabling of the report, to the minister's attention on his return.

Mr. Dinsdale: A supplementary question on a related topic. Is the minister aware that there is a movement under way by public spirited citizens to make all the lots between Caribou street and Wolf street in Banff townsite available to the government of Canada for conversion into a beautiful park open to all visitors to Banff national park? If so, will the minister bring this subject—

An hon. Member: Order paper.

Mr. Dinsdale:—to the attention of the Banff advisory council when he meets them next week? I ask this question Mr. Speaker, because I do not think the minister will be back in the house before he meets with the Banff advisory council.

Mr. Turner: Mr. Speaker, I am sure the minister is aware of the situation and will be discussing the matter with the Banff advisory council when he is there.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can I take it from the remarks of the parliamentary secretary that the minister is meeting the Banff advisory council on October 23, or around that time?

Mr. Turner: Mr. Speaker, he has offered to meet the council, and I would hope that a meeting will take place.

SPORTS**INQUIRY AS TO GREATER SUPPORT FOR TRAINING IN CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that for the second time Canadians have unexpectedly won gold medals at the Olympic games, in bobsledding last winter and in rowing yesterday, is the government giving consideration to more support for athletic events in Canada, particularly in preparation for the Olympic games?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I cannot agree that it is so surprising. We have a great many very excellent athletes who are competing in the Olympics and I am sure we are all very proud of them, particularly of the