

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, an extensive study has been under way for the last 12 to 18 months involving the citizens of Jasper and employees of the CNR. A very substantial report has, I understand, just arrived and a summary is being put together for me.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** When does the minister expect to make any definitive announcement taking into account the traditional history of the park and the CNR, recognizing that the park was created for the railroad and that people ought to use the park, not just the bears?

**Mr. Buchanan:** I hope to be able to do that shortly after the turn of the year, Mr. Speaker.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PRIVILEGE

MR. JELINEK—ALLEGED DISPARAGING REMARKS BY  
MINISTER

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege pertaining to remarks made by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) yesterday, as well as on previous occasions, when attempting to answer simple and straightforward questioning. As the Chair will recall, I rose on a point of order yesterday on the same matter and suggested that the minister in question once again implied in his statement what I believe to be racial overtones against me. The Chair then asked that, if there was any information to that effect, it should be brought to the Chair's attention. I would, therefore, like to refer back to other statements which this minister has made in this House to show, by a course of conduct, that his statement made yesterday suggesting that my questioning of the Olympics, in his words, once again "hides ulterior motives", ties in with his previous statements relating to the same subject matter.

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On March 8, 1974, as reported at page 332 of *Hansard*, when referring to me and to my involvement in Olympic questioning, the minister, who was then the postmaster general, said:

—he continues to throw mud to discredit Quebecers. This is the typical way to act for some members of the Progressive Conservative party.

Another statement accredited to the same minister, again referring to me and my party:

They unduly and incorrectly pestered us in committee through the voice of this member who keeps on sullyng Quebecers. The PC party continue to divide people in this country—

And yet a further statement made in this House by the same minister, again referring to my party and myself, to quote *Hansard* once again:

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They are opposed to everything stemming from or directed to the province of Quebec. The Progressive Conservative members are against French Canadians and they always have the odd greenhorn to sully people.

There is no question in my mind, when the minister said yesterday that as a result of my questioning on the financing and staging of the Games I was trying to hide ulterior motives, that through a course of conduct tied to his previous statements he was implying, once again, by racial overtones, that I am not only anti-Olympics but anti-French Canadian and anti-Quebec as well. If the minister would take time to check the records he would find that his implications are totally and absolutely incorrect and unjustified.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Jelinek:** There is no question that a pattern of not only racial overtones but direct racial accusations has developed from the minister's continuing statements relating to my Olympic questioning. One can only assume that the reason for this attitude is to attempt to hide the obviously incompetent manner in which the government has handled the Olympic situation from the outset, particularly during the period the minister held the Post Office portfolio.

I have made plain the basis of my question of privilege, and if it were not for the fact that this session is drawing to an end, with much important government business to be attended to, I would move a motion to have this matter referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections. Instead, Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs will take this opportunity to withdraw the racial implications which he continues to make against me.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if I may speak to the question of privilege, I should just like to ask permission of Your Honour and the House to allow the minister to answer this point when he is next in the House. Today he is in Montreal on official business; he is opening an office for consumers. I know he would want to deal with this matter very seriously, so if it is acceptable I would ask that the matter be stood over till tomorrow.

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems only reasonable, before any decision is made by the Chair, that both sides be heard. Notwithstanding the fact that no motion is attached to the hon. members question to give the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) an opportunity to make a contribution to the point. Therefore, the point will stand over until that time.

[Translation]

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Bellechasse on a point of order.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the question period you recognized me to allow me to ask a question, and I thank you for it. My question was directed to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp). I do not know, Mr. Speaker, if the simultaneous translation