

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there is nothing specific that I can report other than to advise the hon. member and the House that I have conveyed to Canadian Pacific the views of various members on this issue and have in a sense suggested to them that it might be advisable for them to reconsider their position. However, I have not had any response.

Mr. Orlikow: I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In view of the large number of complaints which are coming in to members, and I am sure to the minister, from CPR employees who are not covered by their plan, and in view of the vast difference between the CPR plan and the CNR plan, would the minister discuss with the CPR the question of the tremendous concession given the CPR in respect of the extension of time under which they will have to fund their plan, a concession given to no other company in Canada—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That of course is a suggestion or representation.

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HEALTH**PROVISION OF DRUGS FOR LOW INCOME GROUPS**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As a result of his talks with his provincial counterparts, can we expect drug care coverage for old age pensioners and those on low income who in many cases may not have the necessary funds to pay for drugs.

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, in many provinces this is already provided for under the Canada Assistance Plan. People living on low incomes who establish need do receive drugs, and we do share the cost under that plan.

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HARBOURS**SAINT JOHN, N.B.—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Could the minister give us a brief report on the meetings and negotiations with Premier Hatfield of the province of New Brunswick with regard to the big port development at Saint John.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I believe I would be reflecting the view of the premier of New Brunswick, as well as my own, when I say the meetings last Thursday were very profitable and co-operative. A number of alternatives were proposed and we indicated our willingness to co-operate to the maximum. The premier has taken the results of the

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

discussion back to Fredericton for further study, and has indicated he will let me know in a couple of weeks.

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CANADIAN CONSTITUTION**REJECTION OF CHARTER BY QUEBEC—DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND PREMIER OF QUEBEC**

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Would he indicate whether there have been new talks with Quebec in order to solve the difficulties? Would he say also what are the main objections of Quebec and what is the substance of its requirements?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there has been no communication between the Quebec Premier and myself since he said no to the Victoria charter.

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AIR CANADA**POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF DOMESTIC FARES**

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of Air Canada's enthusiasm in respect of reducing trans-Atlantic air fares, is the government encouraging Air Canada to develop the same enthusiasm in respect of reducing rates within Canada so that Canadians might see Canada first.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker. I believe that before too long Air Canada will have put together in a package a number of special rates within Canada, comparable in some respects at least to those now offered for overseas destinations. Certainly, I have conveyed to Air Canada that this is the desire of the government and that we think it would be very much worthwhile.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS**MEAT—BANNING OF USE OF DIETHYL-STILBESTROL**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that meat, produced after diethyl-stilbestrol has been used in the process, has been banned for food in some countries, has the minister given any consideration to introducing legislation to prohibit the use of this material for production of food in this country.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker, although I can advise the hon. member there is a nil tolerance in so far as residue of this substance in any meat coming on the market in Canada or any place is concerned.