

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

a ship leaves Hamburg with stopovers in Le Havre or London or elsewhere before reaching Montreal, it is difficult to pinpoint where the theft occurred. I must frankly say that information in such cases is not very reliable. As a Montreal citizen, I object to the Montreal dockworkers always getting the blame, since they are not the only ones who could have committed these thefts.

In fact, many vehicles driven by tourists, truckers, in short by several categories of persons have access to the port; therefore, it is very difficult to determine who is responsible. But the National Harbours Board is very conscious of the problem, and I can assure the hon. member that a comparison of figures on a tonnage basis, between the port of Mont-

real and other ports in Canada, in North America and elsewhere in the world, will show that Montreal's record is not that bad.

Anyway, as I said at the beginning of my remarks, we are going to make sure that all possible measures are taken to control, to try and fight this problem which costs millions of dollars to shippers and to Montreal merchants.

The question raised tonight by the hon. member will be brought to the attention of the proper authorities, in order to arouse public opinion in this connection.

[*English*]

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

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