

*Inquiries of the Ministry***AIRPORTS****PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—DATE OF PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL NOTICES OF LAND EXPROPRIATIONS**

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Is he in a position to indicate to the House the date of the gazetting of notices of expropriation respecting the acquisition of land for the proposed airport at Pickering?

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, there are about 500 titles involved and at least 500 interested parties who have to be notified before we are able to do so. I should think this could not be done before early August.

[Translation]

**Mr. Asselin:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

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

**Mr. Asselin:** Mr. Speaker, my colleague, the hon. member for Peace River has put a question to the Prime Minister regarding the election date. The Prime Minister has replied too fast and we were unable to understand him. Could he repeat his answer to the hon. member for Peace River?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I was under the impression that the right hon. Prime Minister had announced the election date.

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[English]

**ENERGY****ALBERTA INDUSTRY—GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE ON FEASIBILITY OF MACKENZIE VALLEY CORRIDOR—DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS**

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the plans of the government of Alberta to call a joint industry-government conference regarding a study of the feasibility aspects of an energy corridor down the Mackenzie River Valley, will the Prime Minister inform the House whether his government is in liaison with the Alberta government in this regard and, if not, is the federal government going to make known its own findings at that time?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I have not personally been in contact with the Premier of Alberta on this matter and cannot say whether there have been discussions or otherwise between some members of this government and the premier. I will look into the matter and perhaps be able to help the hon. member.

• (1440)

[Mr. Trudeau.]

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—INQUIRY AS TO CASH OFFER TO SETTLE ABORIGINAL RIGHTS**

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Are he and his department now considering the making of a specific offer to the Native Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories in return for the extinguishment of treaties 8 and II with regard to their land rights?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, the government's position in that respect is well known. We are prepared to abide by the treaties and we have offered two options to the Indians: either their lands or a compensation. They have not made any choice.

[English]

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Would he mind informing the House frankly whether the department has now under consideration a specific offer to the brotherhood with regard to extinguishing treaties 8 and 11 with respect to their land rights?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair has reservations regarding a question in those terms. I do not think an hon. member has the right to ask a question in the words used by the hon. member. I think that is argumentative. But the question has been asked and the minister might be allowed to reply.

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I have already said that the government's position in this matter was well known. I have no comment to make on the hon. member's question.

**JAMES BAY HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT—RIGHTS OF NATIVE PEOPLE**

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Have the offers made to Indians and Eskimos of the Northwest Territories been made also to the Indians of northern Quebec, to those of the James Bay area?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, the two situations are not similar, because in the Northwest Territories land control comes directly under the federal government while in the James Bay area it comes under the jurisdiction of the province of Quebec government. However, the principles are the same.

[English]

**SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS RESPECTING TREATY NO. 7**

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my supplementary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Can he give the House and the country the decision with regard to treaty No. 7 and