

CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER TORONTO HEARING—CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR VHF TELEVISION BROADCASTING

Mr. Hyl Chappell (Peel South): My question is for the Secretary of State. Can the minister say yet whether the CRTC hearing set for September in Toronto will be widened so as to include an application for VHF by television channel 13 which would serve the area much better than the one that will presently be considered?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, instances were made to me by several representatives from Toronto in that regard. I could certainly discuss the matter with CRTC authorities, but I have serious doubts that myself or the government could do anything to change the date of a scheduled hearing by the CRTC.

In any event, I shall talk to the chairman about it.

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[English]

AIRPORTS

CHARLOTTETOWN—ACCELERATION OF IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I wish to direct a question to the articulate and erudite Minister of Transport. Noting the announcement about the great improvements at Wabush airport in Newfoundland, can the minister now advise what he is doing to accelerate the acquisition of an instrument landing system and new property for the Charlottetown airport where the demand is really great and the need pressing?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I agree with the conclusion reached by the hon. member. I cannot answer the question as to dates but I will look into it and give him a written reply.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—REPRISALS BY QUEBEC—DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL MINISTERS OF JUSTICE

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

In view of the restrictive measures taken by Ontario with regard to Quebec's FEDCO marketing board for eggs, the Quebec Minister of Justice, Mr. Choquette, has announced that his government would exercise reinforced reprisals against the neighbouring province.

My question is: Has this matter been referred to the Minister of Justice or has he entered into conversations with his Quebec counterpart about this matter?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): No, Mr. Speaker, I did not discuss the matter with the Quebec Attorney General. This question falls in the same category as those recently asked by some Alberta members. The government maintains its position that this problem will be solved with the passing of Bill C-176 by Parliament.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

INFORMATION CANADA

REASON THAT FACILITIES NOT USED TO PUBLICIZE CENSUS

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): My question is for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for Information Canada. In view of the fact that Information Canada was established for the purpose of communicating government plans to the people, will the minister explain why the government felt it necessary to contract out the job of publicizing the census to two advertising firms at a total cost of \$820,000?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, Information Canada has never been given a mandate to be the spokesman for the government nor to run the government's advertising program.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): I have a question for the Prime Minister. When is the Prime Minister going to set aside a day for a debate on the report of the Royal Commission on Security so that we can discuss these matters?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): When we get to the debate on the resolution now on the order paper on the matter of security and relating to the matter which was dealt with by the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act, I expect the government will be able to participate in this debate and use the time available to make its views known on the matters covered by the Royal Commission on Security.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

I wish to ask him whether he would wish to consider with sympathy the idea of establishing a Social Affairs Council in line with the Economic Council of Canada, in view of his deep interest in all matters relating to social justice.

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that the supplementary question of the hon. member is rather a suggestion to the right hon. Prime Minister, and he must assume that it will be considered.