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### TRANSPORT

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA—COURT DECISION RESPECTING LEASED RESERVE LAND

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister a question that arises out of the brief presented to the government yesterday by the premier and cabinet of Prince Edward Island? What answer did he give the government of Prince Edward Island in regard to its urgent demand that tenders be called within a month for the resumption of the causeway project?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the premier presented to members of the federal government, including myself, a very interesting brief and we promised to look at it, study it and take into account the arguments therein in reaching a final decision, which we hope will be made in the very near future.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Prime Minister accept the calculations put forward by the government of Prince Edward Island to the effect that maintaining a fleet of vessels to provide an adequate ferry service would cost upward of \$1 billion over the next 60 years?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Simcoe North.

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

#### INQUIRY AS TO REPLACEMENT FOR WINTER WORKS PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I put it to the acting minister on September 20, as found on page 270 of *Hansard*. The question was:

—what program is being devised to take the place of the winter works program which has been discontinued—

At that time the acting minister said that he would refer the question to the minister for answer within a few days. We have not yet received an answer, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, no new program is being devised to replace the winter works program, but we are accelerating as much as we can our special training

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program and we are concentrating as much of that training as possible in the winter months. For example, in the province of Ontario we have increased our allotment for this year by \$15 million, which is roughly three times the amount spent in Ontario for winter works.

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. First, may I ask the minister whether he has received representations from the advisory committee on manpower retraining for metropolitan Toronto that in that area there has been a drop in referrals to the federal government's adult training program? Second, could the minister inform the house why there is this cut-back in retraining since in view of recent statements it is expected that there will be increased unemployment during the winter?

**Mr. Speaker:** The second part of the supplementary question asked by the hon. member is argumentative.

**Mr. Thompson (Red Deer):** Could the first part of my question be answered, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. MacEachen:** I have had representations from the group the hon. member mentioned, and I repeated to that group, as I have repeated in the house, that we have increased our expenditures in Ontario by \$15 million this year. That is not a cut-back but a growth in expenditure.

**Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister say whether he has also increased the allocation for manpower retraining in the province of Quebec?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have increased the budget, I think, to \$60 million from a previous amount of \$48 million for that province.

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not think we should go much farther along this line. Perhaps the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond wishes to ask a supplementary?

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask as a supplementary question why the hon. member from Quebec, whose constituency I will not name, was not aware of an increase even though he is a government supporter?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.