

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Barnett: May I then ask a supplementary question. Will the Minister of Transport make representations to that effect to the government of British Columbia in order to see if the emergency situation can be dealt with?

Mr. Hees: Well, Mr. Speaker, I think this is a provincial matter, and I would suggest that the people of Lasqueti island should get in touch with the provincial government, as they are reasonably close by and should make these representations themselves. They are the ones primarily affected.

MIRAMICHI—STATEMENT ON FEES CHARGEABLE BY PORT WARDEN

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): I should like to reply to a supplementary question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Northumberland-Miramichi. I would advise that it is intended to submit for the approval of the governor in council a schedule of fees chargeable by the port warden for the Miramichi bay district. The hon. member will recall that he was supplied with a copy of the proposed rates a few weeks ago by my department.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

SUMMERSIDE—REQUEST FOR EARLY START ON HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): I wonder if I might ask the Minister of National Defence whether it is the intention to make an early start on the proposed hangars at the R.C.A.F. airport at Summerside, Prince Edward Island?

Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence): That matter is under consideration. We hope that hangars will be available by the time new aircraft arrive at Summerside.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF BILL L OF SENATE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Lesage (Montmagny-L'Islet): Mr. Speaker, might I address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement of the leader of the government in the other place this morning that Bill L, an act to amend the Territorial Lands Act, which was introduced in the Senate, is a bill sponsored by a minister of the crown but not by the government, would he assure this house that Bill L is in fact a government sponsored bill?

[Mr. Hees.]

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, might I point out to Your Honour that my recollection is that the rules make it quite clear that no reference may be made to a statement or discussion in the other place during the course of the same session. Since the hon. gentleman's question is founded on a statement alleged to have been made there, his question is out of order.

Mr. Lesage: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that the statement was made in the Senate committee on natural resources.

Mr. Speaker: My understanding of the practice is that this house does not refer to or comment upon any proceeding in the other house, although it is in order to read extracts from the debates of the other house. I would think that the question of the hon. member is not in order.

Mr. Lesage: Then might I ask this. Is the bill introduced in the Senate, an act to amend the Territorial Lands Act, a government sponsored bill?

Mr. Speaker: I think that is precisely the same question which the hon. member asked before, and it seems to me that it is not in order to ask that question of the ministry at that stage of a bill, where it is a proceeding of the other house.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

STATEMENT ON REPORTED FAILURE OF SUPPLIES TO REACH MISSIONARIES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Montmagny-L'Islet referred on December 3 to a news item in the newspaper *Le Devoir* to the effect that certain missionaries were in distress in the Arctic because their supplies did not reach them this summer. He asked what action the government intended to take.

My answer includes a review of how this operates and then the action we are taking. Supplies for the communities of Igloolik, Repulse Bay and Pelly Bay are normally sent by ship from Churchill; supplies for Pelly Bay are taken overland from Repulse Bay to their destination. Unusual ice conditions in Roes Welcome sound this year prevented the Hudson's Bay Company vessel carrying the supplies from reaching either Repulse Bay or Igloolik; the goods, therefore, were left at Coral Harbour on Southampton island.

The failure of ships to arrive is a not uncommon occurrence, particularly at Igloolik,