

which have now been allotted to the north. I think that adequate preparation is being made in respect of requirements for a route to coincide with the time the route will be needed. I have every confidence that developments will occur there, and I know my hon. friend shares this view. I think we are in a position to accommodate requirements for the movement of a very great deal of freight in that area.

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AGRICULTURE

POTATOES—ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL MARKETING BOARD IN MARITIME PROVINCES

Hon. Hugh John Flemming (Carleton-Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture, but in his absence I shall direct it to the Prime Minister. Can he indicate whether the government intends to present a bill creating a regional marketing board for potatoes in the Maritimes?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I have no idea, Mr. Speaker.

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TRADE

CONSIDERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN ATLANTIC PROVINCES AND NEW ENGLAND STATES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. It concerns a speech he made last evening in Saint John, New Brunswick, in which he referred to the important role the Atlantic provinces would have to play in continuing or increasing Canada-U.S. trade. Is the government prepared to give consideration to trade arrangements between the Atlantic provinces and the New England states?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

POSITION OF FORMER EMPLOYEES OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS SUPPLIERS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): I have a question for the Minister of Labour, Mr. Speaker. As the motor vehicle manufacturers continue to limit the number of their suppliers in Canada, and in some cases are now manufacturing parts themselves, what is happening to the former employees of the plants that are closed down?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, that is a good question but I do not know whether it is addressed to the right minister. They are either employed at other plants or they are unemployed.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mackasey: If the hon. member is talking about the broader problem of plant closings in Canada as a result

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of decisions made outside the country, I think this is one of the areas that the appropriate minister should study and in fact this question is being studied in great detail.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members will realize I am trying to limit the number of supplementaries in the hope that we can accommodate as many members as possible before the question period ends. I apologize to hon. members who have not had a chance to ask their supplementaries.

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TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE MARKETING OF SUBSTANDARD AUTOMOBILE TIRES

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It arises from a situation in the United States whereby automobile tires of substandard manufacture which are classified by the industry as rejects and are marketed for agricultural use only are finding their way into the automobile tire market. Is there any evidence that the same situation exists in Canada?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I will consult my colleague, the Minister of Transport, who is responsible for the administration of the automobile safety legislation.

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PENITENTIARIES

TRANSFER OF FEMALE INMATES FROM MATSQUI TO KINGSTON

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister who is replying for the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that the report on the status of women expresses concern regarding the need to decentralize women's correctional institutions, is the government reconsidering its decision to close the Matsqui institution in British Columbia and transfer the female inmates to Kingston?

Mr. Speaker: I think this question should be placed on the order paper or debated at the time of adjournment.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

REPORTED GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS IN QUEBEC

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Acting Solicitor General. Has the government been able to locate any of the guerrilla training camps supposedly located in the Quebec interior and, if so, what action has been taken and were any arrests made in this connection?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Apparently the minister is not prepared to reply to the question. The question period expired a few minutes ago. Orders of the day.