

Adjournment Debate

was unable to obtain the necessary information at such short order. Yesterday, however, the *Edmonton Journal* carried a report containing some of the information I had sought in my question. Since the minister had stated he was unable to assist me because of lack of information, I am forced to wonder how it is that he could assist the press. Perhaps he would be good enough to explain this in his reply.

Tonight I am seeking to obtain from the minister a simple undertaking. I am asking him to give the residents of the area his word that there will be no prisoners housed in the institution either in the period immediately ahead or at any time in the future and, further, that if he should at any time decide to adapt facilities which have been used for other purposes with the intention of housing prisoners therein, he will make this intention known to the residents of the areas affected and arrange that public meetings will be held accordingly.

It is my opinion, strongly held, that a law-abiding citizen should enjoy the right to select a site, build a home and raise his family in an atmosphere of security. Residential areas should be maintained in the character intended

and home owners should not be faced with the insecurity resulting from penal institutions being placed in their midst.

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Hollands) and in response to his question, may I say the Solicitor General (Mr. Allmand) would like to make it clear at the outset that while an option has been taken on this property in order to protect the potential interests of the Canadian Penitentiary Service related to its possible needs, no final purchase has as yet been made. The Solicitor General wishes to add that the Canadian Penitentiary Service is interested in the possibility of employing the Holy Redeemer College facilities as a staff training college for the Service in the prairie region.

Discussions are now going on with the government of Alberta with a view to determining our respective needs in the area. The Solicitor General would like to assure the House that no final action will be taken on this matter in the absence of the fullest consultation with the province of Alberta.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.