

Inquiries of the Ministry

could conceivably go on strike or management could conceivably lock the unions out. At the present moment, I understand that negotiations with the conciliation board are going on and, I presume, will be going on until ten or eleven o'clock this evening. I can only hope that a satisfactory settlement is reached.

To recapitulate, I must receive the conciliation board report by midnight tonight.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the minister whether, without giving a legal opinion, he can advise the house on the status of the injunction obtained about 15 months ago with regard to the port of Montreal.

Mr. Mackasey: Not being a lawyer, I am not sure of the proper terminology. If I recall and this is subject to correction, I believe the injunction was kept in abeyance last year by some legal procedure as part of a settlement.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I cannot tell from this cock-eyed roster whether the minister will be here tomorrow. If he is, will he give a statement in the house with regard to this matter because, so far as Canada is concerned, the situation on the river is scandalous.

Mr. Mackasey: It is a matter of opinion as to who made it scandalous, labour or management.

[Translation]

AIRPORTS**MONTREAL—SUGGESTED USE OF C.B.C. TO PUBLICIZE NEW SITE**

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

As he stated this afternoon that he had to use the services of a private advertising agency, why did not the minister see fit to use the C.B.C. which after all is a government advertising policy, to announce its policy?

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I will have to take that question as notice. I do not know whether or not the C.B.C. provides a commercial service. I have forgotten what the exact reason was, but I will be glad to find out.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Mackasey.]

I should like to ask the minister if he does not have enough public relations people in his department, why he had—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

[Later:]

Mr. Rondeau: I wish to ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Transport.

Could he tell the house why he thought appropriate to call upon the services of a private commercial agency, instead of those of the C.B.C.? Can we expect that in the future government policy will be announced in much the same manner as soap is?

[English]

**PREPARATION OF TAPES RESPECTING SITES—
CONSIDERATION OF POSITION OF
QUEBEC GOVERNMENT**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Now that the minister is the Acting Prime Minister and has the necessary degree of authority, I wonder if he could tell us whether any tapes other than the one with regard to the announcement of the new site, were made in Ottawa or any other place prior to the announcement in the house.

Mr. Hellyer: I am not sure I understand my hon. friend's question. To what other tapes is he referring?

Mr. Woolliams: I can make it very clear for the Acting Prime Minister. Was any other tape made with reference to any other site than the one that was made in relation to the pronouncement in the house?

Mr. Hellyer: Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Woolliams: I have a further supplementary question. I am sure the Acting Prime Minister had all the facts when he said no other tape was made. Did he make any other tape?

Mr. Bell: Not to his knowledge.

Mr. Hellyer: No, I did not, Mr. Speaker. I was hopeful that the cabinet would take the decision that it did which, in my opinion, was the right one. I think it was superior in all respects to the two sites which were favoured by the province of Quebec. I think it was in the best interests of the people, not only in the Montreal region but of all the taxpayers of Canada, that the site that was chosen was chosen. With that in mind and with the hope