

through IATA but the fact is that Canadians travelling overseas are entitled to pay for their tickets in United States funds and in that way receive a reduction.

Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker, is the minister aware that the IATA manual on traffic conference resolutions, as well as the commercial air service regulations, provide for the immediate removal of discrimination of this kind?

Mr. Basford: Yes, but those are matters being looked at by the Air Transport Committee and my colleague the Minister of Transport.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF PENSION LEGISLATION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Now that the government's white paper on income security for Canadians has been tabled, will the government be introducing legislation to raise the disability pensions paid to veterans and also to raise the level of payments made under the War Veterans Allowance Act?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I hope to be in a position on Wednesday of this week to table veterans legislation. At the same time, I shall make a statement on motions concerning war veterans allowances and veterans pensions.

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AGRICULTURE

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO SOLVE PROBLEM

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the statement of the Hon. Samuel Uskiw, Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba, made at the agricultural congress concluded this weekend to the effect that Manitobans were particularly embittered over the so-called chicken and egg war and the government's failure to enforce the provisions of the constitution to guarantee free movement of goods across provincial boundaries, what action does the government intend to take to rectify this serious threat to the unity of our country?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Well, Mr. Speaker, this matter was discussed at many of the policy forums held at the agricultural congress. I might say it was also discussed at the agriculture ministers' meetings which were held at the same time. I think the consensus expressed at the federal-provincial conference in September was that passage of some national measure to deal with this problem would be the most satisfactory way to deal with it. That opinion is still the consensus of the ministers.

Inquiries of the Ministry

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

NORTHERN MANITOBA—EXTENSION OF SPECIAL AREA

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. I wonder if the minister could say whether any requests have been received from the province of Manitoba to extend the boundaries of the present special area in Northern Manitoba to include the rest of the territory in Northern Manitoba?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I have met with the representatives of the government of Manitoba, particularly the Premier, Mr. Schreyer. There was talk of extending the limits of special and designated zones, but no decision was reached.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DECISION ON OVERTIME PAY

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. Can the hon. gentleman advise us concerning the possibility of an early decision regarding overtime pay for members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, that matter is being looked into. I cannot promise the hon. member an early decision.

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PENITENTIARIES

PRINCE ALBERT—INVESTIGATION OF ESCAPE OF PRISONERS AND FIRES

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I, too, should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. Can he give the House any account of the situation in the Prince Albert penitentiary?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to do so. Ten of the prisoners who escaped last week have been returned to the penitentiary. One is still at large. Concerning the fires, immediately following the telecast of the Grey Cup game, fires set by a few malcontents broke out simultaneously in the office of the supervisor of recreation located on the south side of the auditorium building and in the library located on the north side of the building. One of the officers on duty was taken hostage by inmates and held for approximately three-quarters of an hour until released by other members of the staff. The damage was quite extensive and a very rough estimate of it is \$100,000.