ENERGY

OIL PIPELINE EXTENSION TO MONTREAL—
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONTARIO AND QUEBEC ON
LOCATION—COMPLETION DATE

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Would the right hon. gentleman tell the House what negotiations have taken place with the provinces of Ontario and Quebec with regard to the location of the pipeline extension to which he referred in his statement a week ago Thursday night? Can he also advise the House whether he is satisfied with the information given to him by his colleague, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, that he can guarantee the line will be completed by 1975?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): As to the first part of the question, the answer is that I have not been personally involved in this discussion of location. As to the second part of the question, the answer is yes.

FINANCE

PROPOSED NEW REFERENCE LIBRARY, TORONTO—
REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT SEEK DEFERMENT UNTIL
CONSULTATIONS HELD WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question would have been addressed to the Minister of Finance but in his absence I direct it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the fact the federal government is putting up some \$3 million under the winter works program for the building of a new \$32 million metropolitan Toronto reference library, and in view of the fact a number of local community planning groups have expressed strong opposition to this project, particularly because of lack of consultation with them, will the federal government seek to have the proposal deferred until it can be looked into further and appropriate consultation undertaken with the community?

[Translation]

Mr. J.-Roland Comtois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I took due note of the hon. member's question and the Minister of Finance will reply to him as soon as possible.

[English]

Mr. Brewin: Will the parliamentary secretary, when speaking to the minister, call his attention to the fact that renovation of the present building and the provision of additional parking space might well enable the needs of the library to be met adequately with a saving of more than \$20 million?

Oral Questions

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REQUEST THAT MINISTER ASCERTAIN FROM PRESIDENT REASON FOR DENIAL OF SERVICE PENSION TO MINER

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Now that the minister will be meeting face to face with the president of the Cape Breton Development Corporation—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): I don't know what the hell is so funny about it.

An hon. Member: It came from your own side.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): —will the minister ascertain from the president of the Cape Breton Development Corporation why a miner with 45 years service has been denied and is being denied a service pension on the basis that he is receiving a compensation pension?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I thank the hon. gentleman for having given me notice. I have already had three hours of face-to-face conversation with the gentleman in question and I shall be continuing these discussions tomorrow. The matter the hon. member has raised is one I propose to bring up with him, and I hope to have some answers for the hon. gentleman shortly.

• (1430)

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Am I to understand from the minister that the letter he wrote several weeks ago to the president has not yet been replied to?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that the purport of that question escapes me. I am not at all certain what is meant by it.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Then let me ask a supplementary by way of explanation. Did the minister not inform me that he had written to Tom Kent to inquire as to the status of the compensation payments which were being used to subsidize pensions, and did he not receive a reply long since to the letter he sent to Tom Kent?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of my meetings with the president of the company is to discuss these matters. I am expecting to get an oral reply from him and will discuss the matter in detail, just as soon as I know what he says.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Would the minister take me up on my request to be at the meeting along with himself and Mr. Kent when these matters are being discussed?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!