

Toronto Airport Expansion

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, the Noranda mine gave jobs to 195 students in 1960, 257 in 1965 and 287 in 1970 in my area only. On the other hand, this year, the Noranda company will hire 2,200 students in its various industries.

To do the company justice and not to mislead the House, I believed it was my duty to set the facts in their true light.

Mr. Speaker: I doubt whether there is a question of privilege. In any event, the hon. member did not put any motion before the House. I rather believe it is a correction and I assume that the statement of the hon. member has been considered as such by his colleagues.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Fourth report of Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, in both official languages—Mr. Fernand-E. Leblanc (Laurier).

[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

First report of Special Committee on Environmental Pollution—Mr. Anderson.

[Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

AGRICULTURE

TABLING OF TASK FORCE REPORT

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table herewith in both official languages the report of the agricultural task force.

AIRPORTS

TORONTO—REPORT ON PROGRESS IN PLANNING FOR EXPANDED FACILITIES

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, on a number of occasions recently hon. members have asked me for details of the research and planning now under way in connection with the needs of Toronto and the southern Ontario region for additional airport facilities. In answer to some of these inquiries I have indicated, first, that preliminary studies have ruled out any possibility that a large international airport could be built at any location on or near the

waterfront; second, that the studies now under way for over a year, and which initially involved an examination of more than 60 potential sites, had now been refined to the point where all but three or four possible locations have been rejected. I indicated also that further and more detailed examination of the remaining sites was necessary before a final choice could be made.

This work is being carried out in the closest possible co-operation with the government of the province of Ontario. In addition, I have informed representatives of the city council of Toronto and of the municipality of metropolitan Toronto that I was quite prepared to have them provided with a full briefing on the nature and scope of the studies. As I indicated on a previous occasion, such a briefing must be on a confidential basis because of the possible risk of land speculation should the details of the potential sites in question become a matter of public knowledge prematurely.

I have also indicated both to the Chairman of Metro and to the Mayor of Toronto our willingness to examine with them the criteria we have established for the airport project. I have also assured both of these gentlemen and their officials that we will be pleased to consider all possible means through which it may be possible to integrate the airport development with the general planning of the adjacent municipalities. This offer has been accepted and such matters as ground transportation services, potential industrial development, and urban planning, as these relate to the proposed new airport, are now being discussed.

While it is still not possible to make a full public disclosure of the current status of the site studies, I can say that the area of the search for a suitable location has been narrowed to the region generally north and west of Toronto. Since this area includes municipalities other than the city of Toronto and Metro I would be quite prepared to arrange for a full confidential briefing for any of the municipalities likely to be affected by this project. Officials of the Ministry of Transport have been instructed to make the necessary approach to those concerned. I hope that in this way it will be possible to have the fullest possible consultation, and I can assure the House that at the earliest possible moment I am prepared to release the full details of our findings and to withhold the final decision regarding the site until there