

week to see whether through the mechanisms that are available to both of us we can achieve that objective. The instant we have a means through which to ensure that there will be no land speculation the report will be released, and I hope that will be early in the new year.

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister some other alternatives to offer rather than a Toronto auxiliary airport?

**Mr. Jamieson:** I might offer you a slow boat to China.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Jamieson:** I am afraid I do not understand the portent of the question and it might take too long to answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps this matter might be pursued tomorrow. If the hon. member would bear with me I would like to see the hon. member for Crowfoot and then the hon. member for MacKenzie.

**Mr. Hales:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, the Minister of Transport as long as a year ago advised the House that he would announce last September where the Toronto auxiliary airport would be. He has kept in suspense not only this House but all the people who are hanging on a limb as to where this airport will be. I asked the question not too long ago whether it would be north and west of Toronto and the minister said north, south, east and west of Toronto. I did not appreciate that answer but I said nothing at that time. Now we have asked the minister when he proposes to tell us the location of these sites and he offers me a slow boat to China. These people in this area want an answer—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member if I was flippant. I honestly did not mean it in any serious way.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Jamieson:** If I were going to put him on a boat, Mr. Speaker, it would be to a much more attractive location than China.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Jamieson:** But seriously—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Obviously we are going nowhere fast.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is the minister still speaking to the question of privilege? It was hardly a question

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of privilege. It was more a point of debate, but the House may wish to allow the minister to reply to the member's question.

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, I merely wanted to reiterate the point that this judgment we have made with regard to the phasing in terms of public disclosure has the full co-operation of the province of Ontario. If the hon. member or any others wish us to withdraw from our commitment to keep the people of the area informed on a proper basis, then we can go ahead and announce the site tomorrow, but until we have this assurance I think certainly the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee would not want me to be put in a position where perhaps the Auditor General might accuse me—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think I owe it to hon. members to bring to their attention that the question period expired three or four minutes ago. I realize this is an important point that was raised originally by the hon. member for Hamilton West. The hon. member for Crowfoot, the hon. member for MacKenzie and the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants have been trying to ask questions since the beginning of the question period. I will start with the hon. member for Crowfoot.

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#### GRAIN

##### POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE IN HANDLING CHARGES

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Now that the Canada Grain Act has been passed, is it the government's intention to allow the Board of Grain Commissioners to increase the handling charges, which would be taken right out of the farmers' pockets if this should come about?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, that question does not arise because the decisions that are made by the Board of Grain Commissioners respecting handling and storage charges are decisions made by that body.

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#### TRANSPORT

##### EFFECT OF GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKING OPERATIONS ON SERVICES ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN CANADA

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Did the start of icebreaking operations on the Great Lakes last week mean a cutting down of such services elsewhere in eastern Canada and, if so, where?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** No, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe the decision to carry out some experimental work in the Great Lakes will have any effect on icebreaking in other regions.