

since 1963, but I will not give them any assurance that they will regain it.

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

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#### URBAN AFFAIRS

##### INQUIRY AS TO DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION POLICY

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question that I wanted to direct to the attention of the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Having in mind the growing problems of urban transportation, particularly public transportation in areas like Vancouver and the lower mainland of British Columbia, can the minister say whether he was correctly quoted in the Vancouver press to the effect that he really has no—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that he cannot ask a question in those terms. He cannot ask whether a minister is correctly quoted or whether a statement in the press is correct.

**Mr. Mather:** Perhaps I could rephrase my question. Can the minister say whether his department is working on a public transportation policy?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, various aspects of public transportation are being examined within the government, not only within my own department.

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#### CANADIAN COASTGUARD

##### TENDERS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COLLEGE GYMNASIUM AND LIBRARY FOLLOWING FIRE—POSSIBILITY OF REMOVAL FROM SYDNEY, N.S.

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the anxiety still existing in regard to the future of the Canadian Coastguard College in so far as locale is concerned, would the minister advise when tenders are going to be called for the reconstruction of the gymnasium and library which were destroyed by fire last year?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure whether this is the kind of question that normally ought to be asked during the question period, but the minister might reply briefly, the question having been asked.

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I seem to recall an item in my department in one of the reports from my officials having to do with expenditures at Sydney in the current year. Whether they apply to the gymnasium or not, I am not certain. If the hon. member will give me a day or so I will get him an answer.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Muir:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I will recognize the hon. member on a supplementary, but I think I ought to remind hon. members we will be running short of time very soon. We should try by co-operation to limit supplementaries and get on as quickly as we can.

**Mr. Muir:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I speak very rapidly in any event. Can the hon. gentleman advise when the report of the committee which is studying the future locale, co-ordination and operation of the Canadian Coastguard College will be presented, and would the minister also outline to the people why he said there were no immediate plans to move the college and the minister in Nova Scotia said there was no foundation whatsoever to these rumours?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, I guess it is a matter of semantics. I am quite prepared to confirm the statements of the minister representing Nova Scotia in that there is no—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the minister and to the hon. member that we are getting down to a debate between two hon. members. The hon. member for Oxford was recognized a moment ago.

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#### POWER

##### JAMES BAY HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT—ISSUANCE TO QUEBEC UNDER NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT OF APPROVAL FOR BRIDGE ACROSS BELL RIVER

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport which concerns the James Bay project. Yesterday the Prime Minister took the question as notice so today I will address it to the Minister of Transport. Would the minister inform the House whether under the provisions of the Navigable Waters Protection Act the Quebec government presented an application to the federal government for approval of the construction of the bridge that is now being built across the Bell River as part of the James Bay project and, if so, was approval granted by the minister?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is that an application was received from the Department of Natural Resources of the province of Quebec for a bridge to cross the Bell River at Matagami and this was approved on January 28, 1971. I want to make the date clear. I apologize to the Leader of the Opposition because I said I did not think anything had been received recently, but when we looked into the files we found the application was made presumably in 1970 and approval was granted on January 28, 1971.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Could the minister inform the House when the application was received by him?