

ration in the productivity of the land. It may well be that the soil is, in fact, more productive.

Senator Roblin: I am not going to ask any more questions on this subject because there is other more important business to be transacted this afternoon. I merely refer the minister to the record of wheat production in western Canada. I am not asking him to reply, because he will take all day to do it, but he could look at those figures in connection with his fertility argument.

Senator Argue: I have looked at those figures and have found them very favourable.

I want to add something more on the quota systems. The quota system as a marketing tool is necessary in order to have some equity in the system. The quota systems today are in no way a detriment to the marketing of grain, because by the end of the crop year, whether by means of taking them all off—which may not be the means—or some other method of adjusting them, the farmers will be able to market all of the crops that they produce.

Senator Roblin: That is not the point.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): What is the point?

Senator Roblin: The point is fertility.

AIR CANADA

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS—APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS— QUALIFICATIONS

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have an answer to a question asked by Senator Marshall on May 28.

The management of Air Canada has confirmed that it does not keep a record of applications for flight attendants by province of origin. The figures provided to the honourable senator in 1978 reflected the numbers of applicants received for interviews in various Canadian cities with Air Canada bases. Air Canada has been able to provide these figures once more for the year 1980, but warns that they should be interpreted cautiously because they do not give a true picture of applications by province of origin. For example, applicants from Hull would be included in the Ottawa total; a student from St. John's attending a university in Hamilton would be interviewed in Toronto.

The figures are as follows:

British Columbia	2,066
Alberta	1,273
Saskatchewan	205
Manitoba	1,317
Ontario	6,498
Quebec	10,315
New Brunswick	225
Prince Edward Island	41
Nova Scotia	571
Newfoundland	104
TOTAL	<u>22,615</u>

There were also 5,000 applications received for summer employment, but these have not been broken down by province. This then brings the total to 27,615 applications.

TRANSPORT

VANCOUVER—BOUNDARY BAY AIRPORT—RE-OPENING FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): I have an answer to a question asked by Senator Austin on May 28.

It is difficult to forecast a precise date when the Boundary Bay aerodrome will be reopened. At present, Transport Canada is waiting for the B.C. Agricultural Land Commission to withdraw 120 hectares of aerodrome land from the Agricultural Land Reserve. If this land is made available, Transport Canada will seek a private sector developer for the aerodrome, or, failing that, develop the aerodrome on its own.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ISRAELI ATTACK ON NUCLEAR REACTOR IN IRAQ

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): I have an answer to a question asked on June 9 by the Honourable Senator Macquarrie regarding the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear installations.

On June 9 the Israeli ambassador was informed that Canada strongly condemned the Israeli attack, viewing it as extremely harmful to the cause of peace in the Middle East.

The United Nations Security Council will soon meet in emergency session to consider the Israeli action, probably on June 12.

The government has as yet made no decision concerning what if any further action it might take beyond its condemnation of June 9. This will be done only after the Security Council meets.

NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM— DEBATE CONCLUDED

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the Inquiry of the Honourable Senator Bonnell calling the attention of the Senate to the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the North Atlantic Assembly, held in Brussels, Belgium, from 14th to 23rd November, 1980, and in particular to the discussions and proceedings of the Session and the participation therein of the delegation from Canada.—(*Honourable Senator Hastings*).

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have been advised that Senator Hastings does not wish to speak to this matter. Senator Lafond