

TRANSPORT

JANE STREET RAILWAY UNDERPASS, TORONTO
—CTC REPLACEMENT GRANT

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. It has to do with the bottleneck caused by the underpass in Toronto at Jane Street and St. Clair Avenue. In view of the fact that the replacement of the dangerous and inadequate railway overpass on Jane Street in downtown Toronto has been jeopardized by the refusal of the Canadian Transport Commission to give financial aid of \$750,000, is it the intention of the government to request the commission to give the full extent of the aid requested by Metropolitan Toronto?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, when the Minister of Transport is due in the House I will refer this question to him.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: He is sitting there.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister's memory has just failed him.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, that minister is not due in the House today.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, since the Prime Minister apparently will allow the Minister of Transport to stand up and answer my question, I should appreciate hearing an answer to my question from the Minister of Transport.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member mind going back about ten minutes and starting all over again?

Mr. Alexander: Yes, Mr. Speaker. To make sure that there are no difficulties I shall repeat the question. In view of the fact that the replacement of the dangerous and inadequate railway overpass on Jane Street in downtown Toronto has been jeopardized by the refusal of the Canadian Transport Commission to give financial aid to the extent of \$750,000, does the government intend to request the commission to give the full extent of the aid requested by Metropolitan Toronto, namely \$750,000?

Mr. Speaker: Since we have already spent about five minutes on the question perhaps I

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ought to allow the minister to answer. I suggest to the hon. member that normally such questions are placed on the Order Paper or discussed at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Alexander: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I should think that a question such as this about one of the worst traffic bottlenecks in Metropolitan Toronto which has been the cause of numerous traffic accidents ought to be answered.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That, of course, is not a point of order. At the same time I have recognized that since we have spent about five minutes on the question the minister might be given an opportunity to reply.

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, the reply to the question is very similar to the one I gave a few days ago. The whole question of assistance for the creation of overpasses is now being studied in the hope of finding a formula which will be far more adequate than the one at present existing. If the hon. member will look up *Hansard* of two or three days ago he will see that I gave the answer in more detail.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker I examined *Hansard* and the answer given on that day I believe it was Friday, does not seem to relate entirely to my present question. I am asking whether the minister is prepared to intervene in the matter and advise the Canadian Transport Commission to give full financial aid to Metropolitan Toronto?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Later:]

Mr. Barney Danson (York North): My question is to the Minister of Transport. When the minister is studying the legislation concerning grants for railway overpasses and underpasses, will he take into full consideration the many representations made by my colleague, the hon. member for High Park, and my other colleagues from the city of Toronto in this regard?

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION MEETING
WITH BUSINESSMEN—PRESENCE OF
CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs about the meeting sponsored by the Prices and Incomes Commission being held today and tomorrow. Have the organized con-