

*Inquiries of the Ministry*  
MONTREAL—PROTECTION FOR  
GREY CUP PARADE

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct an additional question to the Acting Prime Minister. Can he say whether the federal authorities are giving extra protection, in co-operation with the Montreal law enforcement department, to the Grey Cup parade next week?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, there is always difficulty in answering questions in the House as to investigations—

**Mr. Baldwin:** We have noticed that.

**Mr. McIlraith:** It is a good thing if the hon. member has noticed. It will serve him well if he has. As I was saying, it is always difficult at any given moment to give details of investigations being carried out by police authorities and to detail what protective steps are being taken in that part of the administration of justice. I therefore regret I am not able to answer the hon. member's question as fully as I would wish to answer it, but I do want to assure him that the working co-operation between the three police forces, in connection with the problems that may be anticipated on that type of occasion, is very close indeed.

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

### PENSIONS

RETIRED CIVIL SERVANTS—INQUIRY  
AS TO INCREASE

**Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board but in his absence I will direct it to the minister representing him during the Liberal thinkers' conference. What progress is being made with respect to a possible increase in the pensions of superannuated civil servants, and does the minister expect a decision on this issue before Christmas or the end of this year?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It seems to me that the hon. member is asking a question which was debated at the time of adjournment just a few days ago. Perhaps the hon. member might wait until next week and ask it then when the minister in charge is in the House.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS

BAND COUNCIL BORROWING REGULATIONS—  
PROVISION OF FUND

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister [Mr. McIlraith.]

ter of Indian Affairs and Northern Development arising from the newly enacted Indian band council borrowing regulations authorizing band councils to borrow money for housing and other purposes. Has the government established a fund from which band councils may borrow at a reasonable rate of interest? If not, from what source does the minister expect band councils to borrow?

**Mr. Speaker:** I would think this question should be on the Order Paper.

### TRADE

FINANCING OF SALE OF LOCOMOTIVES  
TO YUGOSLAVIA

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is he in a position to answer the question I asked on November 13 which the acting minister said he would refer to the minister for answer? My question was: Will the minister look into the reasons why the Export Development Corporation has failed to provide financing for a very considerable sale of diesel locomotives to Yugoslavia? In view of the fact that considerable unemployment will be caused unless this sale goes through, would the minister make sure that the matter is reconsidered by the corporation?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The Export Development Corporation has not failed. The situation is that this contract with Yugoslavia was to include American materials. We tried, and rightly I think, to get the Export-Import Bank in the United States to do the financing for that portion of it. We had some difficulty but they have now consented to do part of it, part of their part if I may say, and The Export Development Corporation will do the rest so there is no reason why the deal should not be completed.

**Mr. Harkness:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. Could the minister tell us if this transaction is now completed and will go ahead immediately or is there going to be considerable further delay?

**Mr. Pepin:** I do not think there should be any further delay, Mr. Speaker, but I am not informed on the very latest developments. I knew of the solution that was developing and I have so indicated.