

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Minister of Forestry and Rural Development who answers in this house for the Cape Breton Development Corporation. In view of conflicting and argumentative statements released in recent days by Charles E. MacCulloch of the Dominion Coal Company and Douglas Fullerton, chairman of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, in reference to a proposed meeting to negotiate a value to be placed on Dosco's assets, can the minister advise the house when such a meeting will take place?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** Mr. Speaker, a meeting? I do not understand. A meeting with whom?

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Between Devco and Dosco.

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** This I am not aware of, Mr. Speaker, but I shall obtain the information and transmit it to the hon. gentleman.

**HARBOURS****ROBERTS BANK, B.C.—CONFERENCE AS TO RAIL LINK**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, I wished to direct my question to the Minister of Transport but I see he is not in the house although his name is on that paper whose title we cannot mention. I know he will miss his daily Roberts Bank question and regret it. Was the meeting on Tuesday with Premier Bennett of British Columbia and other officials about the Roberts Bank rail link closed to the public? Perhaps I might direct my question to his parliamentary assistant.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Perhaps the premier could give his opinion of the budget.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I fail to see the urgency of the question. If there is urgency the hon. member might give the usual notice.

**Mr. Rose:** Am I permitted a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Speaker:** I will take the supplementary question as notice.

[Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys).]

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**NORTHERN AFFAIRS****INQUIRY AS TO DISPOSITION OF "GRANDE HERMINE"**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gerard Duquet (Quebec East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Now that Expo is over, could the minister tell us what are his intentions concerning the replica of the *Grande Hermine*? Does he intend to have it taken to the Cartier Brébeuf park?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think this question should be put on the order paper.

**Mr. Duquet:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

**EXPO '67****INQUIRY AS TO SALE OF EXPO EXPRESS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday I put a question to the hon. minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, regarding Expo-Express. The minister seemed to say that the tenderers had to withdraw their tenders. He also said that he was to meet his Quebec counterpart.

Could the hon. minister make a detailed statement today on this important matter of the sale of Expo-Express?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the best thing would be to read two sentences from the news release given out this morning after the meeting.

They—the two ministers—acquainted themselves with the representations made by the city of Montreal. They have taken due notice of the *de facto* situation created by the sale made by the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition to the *Société Urbaine des Transports Rapides Inc.* of Montreal, following public tenders.

The two ministers had received information which led them to believe that nothing prevents negotiations between the interested parties. They share the hope that the needs of Montreal as well as of the other parties can be met equitably and satisfactorily.

**Mr. Asselin:** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question.

As a result of that statement, can the minister confirm that the city of Montreal will buy Expo Express?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add to that text, which is extremely clear.