

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is no intention to prevent the many sports in which I participate in Canada from being played in Canada. The purpose of this bill, if the hon. member wants to read the 18 speeches made by the opposition, is completely different from the one he suggests.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, apparently the Prime Minister completely misunderstood my question. In that the Prime Minister is a patron of rugby football in Canada, will he look at the definition provided in the bill which excludes that particular sport; and why is he acting as a patron of rugby football while he allows one of his ministers to deny it what is its rightful place? I point out that the Grey Cup is inscribed "for amateur rugby football" in Canada.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I may have misunderstood the question, but I suggest that the hon. member misunderstands the bill. It is not intended to prevent any sport flourishing in Canada. On the contrary, it is to help the flourishing of sport in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member rising on a question of privilege?

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: May we have order, please. I remind hon. members that we will be running short of time very soon. The hon. member has the floor.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): When I get order, I will speak, Mr. Speaker. The Prime Minister has indicated that probably I do not understand the bill. If he would refer to the definitions in the bill he would find out that rugby and soccer have been excluded, thereby denying to amateur sports in this country what is rightfully theirs. I am not the one who misunderstands the bill; it is the Prime Minister who does not know what it is all about.

● (1510)

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Again, I doubt whether this kind of debate or discussion is helpful in relation to the work of the House.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

DISPOSITION OF GEORGE DERBY HOSPITAL LANDS—REQUEST FOR TRANSFER TO MUNICIPALITY OF BURNABY

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and is supplementary to the question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Burnaby-Seymour concerning the George Derby Hospital lands. The minister indicated yesterday he could not give an assurance that those lands would be returned to the municipality of Burnaby. Would he assure the House today, in view of the fact that the

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lands were obtained for a nominal sum by the federal government, that he will enter into negotiations with the municipality of Burnaby for the balance of these Derby lands?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have discussed this question with the Burnaby authorities and they are well aware that I have this responsibility. I spoke to them recently and they know what the process will be.

Mr. Leggatt: My supplementary question is exactly the same as my first question, because I did not get an answer to my first question. Would the minister indicate whether he will now enter into negotiations with the municipality of Burnaby? Will he give that assurance to the House?

Mr. MacDonald (Cardigan): Negotiations will be entered into at the appropriate time.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

SHIPPING STRIKE AT WHITE PASS—ACTION TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development based on the many representations, including my own, which I know he has received concerning the very serious shipping strike at White Pass, constituting, as it does, the sea lifeline to the Yukon from Vancouver. Has he consulted his colleague, the Minister of Labour, with respect to bringing his good offices to bear and bringing the parties back together again so they will start speaking and, if so, what is happening in that regard and what is the likelihood of the parties getting together again?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to say to the hon. member that I have contacted the Minister of Labour, who is always very diligent, and I can say that the parties will be meeting on Friday, at which time I hope the difficulty will be resolved. I thank the Minister of Labour for his good work.

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RETROACTIVITY OF INCREASE IN ALLOWANCES

Mr. S. Victor Railton (Welland): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I was pleased to learn of the increase in war veterans allowances, but I am anxious to know what is the retroactive increase for both single and married veterans.

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the increase which will become effective retroactively will be \$56 for single veterans and \$96 for married veterans.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!