In discussing the matter, and in negotiating with the local committee interested in the preservation of this rock, the government agreed to make a substantial contribution under P.F.R.A. toward its removal if the committee could agree on some method whereby that could be done without expending such an exorbitant amount of money. To the best of my knowledge, to date the committee has not agreed on removal of a portion of the rock, something which could be done more economically. So far as I know, at the present time the matter is still at that impasse.

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Minister of Agriculture if he does not find it incongruous that Canada was prepared to contribute a considerable amount of money for the work of salvaging some of the historic ruins behind the Aswan high dam in Egypt, and yet had difficulty in finding money to preserve one of our historic Canadian artifacts?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would think the question asked by the hon. member is clearly argumentative.

Mr. Knowles: But the point is well taken, Mr. Speaker.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

USE OF ELECTRONIC LISTENING DEVICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Solicitor General. Has he any reply to the question I asked him recently with respect to the bugging of the meeting of the pulp and paper workers' union at the Ritz Hotel in Vancouver?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member for Kootenay West I wish to state I am advised that the R.C.M.P. did not authorize or approve the use of listening devices in a room in the Vancouver hotel. I understand that an inquiry into the matter has been authorized by the government of British Columbia, and under the circumstances I suggest, with respect, that I ought not to enlarge upon my answer.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

the telephone line of Mr. Denoncourt, of Longueuil, a R.I.N. leader?

Could the minister investigate this matter?

AIRPORTS

VAL D'OR AND ROUYN, QUE.-INQUIRY AS TO CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Minister of Transport.

The minister indicated the other day his displeasure with the slowness of his department concerning the construction of an air terminal in Val d'Or and Rouyn.

I see that the minister is not paying particular attention to the question now, and so I

shall repeat it.

The other day the minister indicated his displeasure with the civil servants in his department with regard to the construction of an air terminal in Val d'Or and Rouyn.

Can the minister tell us today whether there are any new developments concerning the construction of these air terminals in Val d'Or and Rouyn?

[English]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I regret to say I am still dissatisfied but I am still pushing.

BRANDON, MAN .- CONSTRUCTION OF TERMINAL

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. Now that we have an air policy announced, could the minister indicate when a decision might be made on the Brandon airport terminal?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would have to inquire before I could give an answer to the hon. gentleman.

NATIONAL PARKS

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS-WINTER WORKS PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is similar to others I have posed recently, and may I direct this one to either the minister in charge I should like to ask the Solicitor General of Canada's national parks or to the Prime whether it is true that the R.C.M.P. bugged Minister. Can either of the hon. gentlemen