

*Oral Questions*

and Welfare in his capacity as head of amateur sport and fitness programs. Is the minister aware that last Saturday night the Orillia Terriers of the city of Orillia won the senior championship of Canada and the Allen Cup with a score of eight to one on the game and four to one on the series? In view of this, is the minister prepared to look at his grant system to see if he can make a larger grant?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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**TRANSPORT**

**NORTHERN ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR LOWER CANADIAN NATIONAL AND CANADIAN PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES IN LIGHT OF REDUCTION BY ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY**

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. It concerns freight rates. In view of the recently announced reduction in freight rates to areas of northern Ontario served by the Ontario Northland Railway and Star Transfer of approximately 18 per cent—

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

**Mr. Foster:** It is nice to see so much interest in northern Ontario. In view of this, will the minister take action to have freight rates reduced by a similar amount in areas served by the CNR and CPR?

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

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I know, and I think the hon. member and the House know, how freight rates are determined in Canada under the act.

**An hon. Member:** Do you know?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Yes, I know. I hope the hon. member knows. I hope the two main railway companies in Canada will review their scheduled rates following this decrease in freight rates by the Ontario Northland Railway.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the statement by Premier Davis, as reported in the *Globe and Mail* of May 11, that the National Transportation Act is being illegally administered by the CNR and CPR, will the minister undertake a review of these charges through the Canadian Transport Commission to ensure that the 18 per cent recommended by Premier Davis for the Ontario Northland Railway will also be applied to the CNR and CPR?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, if the premier of Ontario thinks that the law has been illegally applied—we all know what recourse is available in Canada in such cases—he should go through the usual channels.

[*Mr. Rynard.*]

[*English*]

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Peters:** I should like to address a supplementary question to the minister arising out of his earlier reply. We are all aware that the Ontario Northland Railway operates solely within the jurisdiction of the government of Ontario and in a relatively small area of Northern Ontario. Would the minister give consideration to meeting with Premier Davis and his officials in an effort to see that the CNR is encouraged to provide a similar incentive to development in other parts of Northern Ontario as that which the provincial government is trying to provide in a limited area of that part of the province?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I said a few minutes ago that I hoped the railway companies—and this is in accordance with the Transportation Act—will review their rate schedules applying to this part of the country, and maybe in the west as well as in the Maritimes. I think that is a good indication of my position. As far as a meeting with Mr. Davis is concerned, I have been trying to arrange such a meeting for the past 15 days. I hope that when he returns from London he can meet with me and discuss this subject and, indeed, all other matters connected with transportation in Ontario.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

**PERSONS INDICTED FOR CAPITAL MURDER OTHER THAN MURDER OF POLICE OFFICERS OR PRISON GUARDS—COMPLETION OF LEGAL PROCESS**

**Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Solicitor General. It is in two parts. First, to the minister's knowledge, are there presently any persons in Canada who have been indicted for capital murder other than for the murder of police officers or prison guards? Second, if there is such a person or persons, has the entire legal process been completed—the preliminary hearing, trial, appeal to the Supreme Court of the province and appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think that a question asking for such details should be placed on the order paper.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Dick:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I draw to your attention and the attention of the House that on January 26, as recorded at page 881 of *Hansard*, the hon. member for Calgary North was entitled to ask a question in almost the very same words and of the same length. I point out that the debate on capital punishment is now in process. I think it would be appropriate to have the answer now rather than in three or four months. I ask that my question be considered.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member will appreciate the position of the Chair. The hon. member himself refers to the fact that there is a debate going on in the House, which in itself shows that the question ought not to be asked. In any event, the hon. member knows that his recourse under the Standing Orders is simply to give