

ALLEGED INCONVENIENCE IN SALE OF
STAMPS

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): I have a supplementary question for the Postmaster General. In view of the admitted and obvious embarrassment of postal clerks who are on duty on Saturdays and not able to sell stamps at post offices so that they have to tell people to go to sub post offices miles away to buy stamps, will the Postmaster General reconsider these regulations.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications): They do not have to go to sub post offices miles away. The sale of stamps does not take place in regular post offices because if it did they would have to keep a supply of stamps and increase their staff considerably, so that the whole purpose of the exercise would be lost. In fact people can secure stamps from any number of sub post offices in the vicinity.

[Translation]

AIR TRANSPORT

MONTREAL—STUDY OF TRAFFIC

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Since he has just announced that a study will be made on the control requirements of air traffic in the Montreal area, I should like to ask him if similar studies have been conducted before and if others will be conducted in other urban regions in Canada.

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I am not certain to which study my hon. friend is referring, but if it is to the one recently announced involving some consultants who have done studies in Paris, London and other places, the answer is, probably, depending on the results of the study being undertaken in Montreal.

HOUSING

SURVEY OF URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. I should like to say, first of all, that I am pleased to see him back, with his tan, and I hope that he acquired it during his visit to several urban renewal centres the week after Easter. Accordingly I should like

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to put to him the following question, which I shall read because I do not want to leave any ambiguity in the minister's mind.

Will the minister tell the house whether he had an opportunity during the Easter recess to examine any of the public housing and urban renewal projects which he indicated he would have to assess—and this was to be during the week after Easter—prior to announcing his new code of standards and or guidelines for municipalities wishing to obtain federal approval for such projects?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I spent a great deal of time thinking about this question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

An hon. Member: Where—at Bugaboo?

Mr. Hellyer: I concluded that it is a very complicated matter, but my hon. friend will be pleased to know that I intend to visit Vancouver and Calgary in the next two days and, hopefully, will then be in a position to issue some guidelines within a matter of a few days.

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. If he travels west for the purpose of visiting urban renewal projects, will he visit the Rose Blanchard urban renewal project in Victoria, which apparently has been stalled for some weeks?

Some hon. Members: What else is new?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

C.M.H.C.—CRITERIA APPLICABLE IN PROJECTS

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the minister when he will be in a position to lay down the sociological and other guidelines that he announced within a few days before we recessed for Easter would be laid down.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Next week, Mr. Speaker, if not this week.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Would the Minister of Transport take this matter up with the Prime Minister before going to Calgary, so as to learn the technique of ducking overripe tomatoes?