

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

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

Could the Minister of Transport tell us whether officials of his department, in line with modern progress, intend to set up such a committee to ascertain the possibility of keeping the St. Lawrence open all year round to Montreal? Could he also tell us why his department, under which this matter comes, does not see to it that the St. Lawrence seaway is kept open all year round?

[English]

Mr. Pickersgill: I fear that a reply to that question would start a debate, sir.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, may I take this matter up at ten o'clock?

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE**REPORTED CHANGE IN ROLE OF
CF-5 AIRCRAFT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of National Defence. Could the minister advise whether the role or purpose of the CF-5 aircraft is being changed from that of a close support tactical aircraft to that of merely reconnaissance and surveillance, as attributed to General Allard, who says that the aircraft has been found peculiarly vulnerable to ground to air missiles?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It is very difficult for me to determine whether there is urgency to the question asked by the hon. member.

Mr. Lambert: Well, Mr. Speaker, on the question of urgency, I understand there is a debate coming up on defence, so perhaps we might have the information.

Mr. Speaker: The question might be asked then.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO PAYMENT OF KINDERGARTEN
TEACHERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. May I ask the hon. gentleman whether it is the intention of his department to pay salaries to teachers of kindergarten classes for native Indian children?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that the question should be placed on the order paper.

HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS**LOUISBOURG FORTRESS—RETURN TO WORK
OF MEN LAID OFF**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. May I ask the minister whether the government has altered its plans with respect to the development of Fortress Louisbourg?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): A supplementary question. Since the minister does not have any knowledge, would he assure the 40-odd men who were paid off on Friday that they will have their jobs back tomorrow or the following day? If the minister is not in a position to answer now I will raise the matter at ten o'clock.

**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF MANITOBA
REPRESENTATIVE ON BOARD**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the importance of history in Canada's centennial year, and the fact that the position of Manitoba's representative on the historic sites and monuments board has been vacant for several months, can the minister indicate when this appointment might be made?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question should be placed on the order paper.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**INQUIRY AS TO PERSONNEL OF FEED
GRAIN BOARD**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development.

In view of the fact that this matter is of great interest to all the farmers in eastern