

*Oral Questions*

ince of Quebec. That department received the full co-operation of the RCMP in that respect. As I indicated in my statement, the Commissioner of the RCMP met with the investigators from the Quebec government in August of 1976. I assume that following the completion of their investigation the attorney general of the province of Quebec decided—which is his sole prerogative—to charge the member of the RCMP, the member of the Sureté du Québec and the member of the Montreal Urban Community Police under section 115 of the Criminal Code.

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALLEGED DESTRUCTION OF PRAXIS FILES

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, the Solicitor General is of course aware of the many allegations which have been made surrounding the Praxis break-in in Toronto. I am sure he is also aware that Assistant Commissioner Vermeer, who is in charge of the Ontario region for the RCMP, has indicated that some files were destroyed. Has the Solicitor General determined who is responsible for the destruction of Praxis files, if that occurred? Can he advise the House why it was necessary to destroy any of those files, and has he determined whether the destruction of private property in that particular instance constituted an offence under the Criminal Code?

**Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his question. I must point out, however, that I have answered that question a number of times in this House. Following the disclosure of the fact that the RCMP still had documents in its possession, the documents were turned over to the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department. An investigation was carried out by that department, and the files were then turned over to a Crown attorney in Ontario. It was the Crown attorney's determination that no subsequent action of a criminal nature against the RCMP was justified.

## BREAK-IN AT L'AGENCE DE PRESSE LIBRE—RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMING MINISTER—POLICE NOT INVOLVED

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, with regard to the telegram sent by the minister of justice of the province of Quebec to the then solicitor general indicating that no illegal activity had taken place involving any police force in the Montreal break-in, has the Solicitor General now determined whether the involvement of the RCMP in that case led to that particular telegram? In other words, did the RCMP mislead or lie to the minister of justice of Quebec, which inspired the telegram which was received by the previous solicitor general indicating that there had been no police involvement in the break-in?

● (1440)

**Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I know the hon. member was not in the House on Friday and he obviously has not had time to read my statement very carefully. I think if he does he will find the answer to his question there.

[Mr. Fox.]

## AIRPORTS

## CHARLOTTETOWN—REASON FOR INCREASE IN RENTAL FEES

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister and concerns the recent communications from the Canadian Air Transport Administration to Eastern Provincial Airlines and Air Canada operating in the Atlantic provinces about the significant increase in rental fees for the use of the Department of Transport terminal building, and in particular the unbelievable increase being considered for Charlottetown. This amounts to an increase of more than 750 per cent, using the same square footage but simply increasing it in terms of the new terminal to be provided. In light of the fact that the Prime Minister indicated earlier that guidelines were generally available to various departments keeping in mind regional disparities, can he indicate what kind of agreement exists between his office and the Department of Transport on these unbelievable and unacceptable increases for the provision of new terminal facilities in Charlottetown?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of this particular case but I will be glad to take note of the question on behalf of the Minister of Transport. I can assure the hon. member that he will get an answer.

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## REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

## IMPACT OF ALLEGEDLY EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN RENTAL FEES AT CHARLOTTETOWN AIRPORT

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** While the Prime Minister is investigating the general application of his guidelines perhaps I could ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion whether he was advised or consulted about this 750 per cent increase from an \$8,000 rental for Eastern Provincial Airlines this year to \$90,000 in future years, with new terminal facilities, and whether his department has analyzed the impact that this kind of increase will have on intraregional transportation and the fastest growing industry in Prince Edward Island, tourism?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I cannot give a detailed answer to the hon. member for the moment. This is a very important point and I will check again what were the consultations between our department officials in Prince Edward Island and Department of Transport officials, and I will then be able to give certain details to the hon. member.