

**BRIDGES**

**THREE RIVERS—POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF ORDER IN COUNCIL**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Remi Paul (Berthier-Maskinonge-Delanaudiere):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Transport, of which I gave him notice.

Following his meeting yesterday with Mr. François Nobert, of Three Rivers, and Messrs. Demers and Lemieux, engineers, is the minister in a position to state whether the government intends to set aside the authority given by the former government for the building of a bridge on the St. Lawrence river between Three Rivers and Ste Angele?

[Text]

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport):** No, Mr. Speaker, I am not ready to make any such statement.

[Translation]

**Mr. Paul:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question?

In the circumstances, could the minister make an official statement to clear up any doubt concerning the carrying out of this project?

[Text]

**Mr. McIlraith:** Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I had a meeting with the secretary of the Trois Rivieres Bridge Corporation, and as well a meeting of the engineers of that corporation took place with engineers representing the various federal government departments directly involved. There was a discussion of technical and related matters between the authorities. A further meeting will take place as studies of the problems concerned proceed.

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Three Rivers):** May I ask a supplementary question. Can the minister tell us if he is reserving the same fate for the Three Rivers bridge that was accorded the Gaspé railway?

**Mr. McIlraith:** No, but I have been somewhat appalled at the treatment this subject received from my predecessor in office.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**CUBA—REPORTED ARREST OF CANADIAN CITIZENS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. O. W. Weichel (Waterloo North):** I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It refers to the arrest of Ronald Lippert of Kitchener, which is in my riding, and his associate, both air line pilots, by President Castro of Cuba charging them

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with sabotage. Will the minister look into this serious charge and extend every assistance to these Canadians?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I indicated, in answer to a question put by the Leader of the Opposition yesterday, that the Canadian consul had interviewed the two Canadian prisoners. We are following the matter carefully. The latest report is that they are being well treated. We are now awaiting further information on the nature of the specific charges against them.

**FINANCE**

**MUNICIPAL LOAN LEGISLATION—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO SCHOOL BOARDS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he has received a letter from Mr. L. I. Thorson, executive secretary of the Saskatchewan school trustees association, requesting that local school boards be entitled to share the benefits of the municipal development and loan fund. Is he now prepared to consider extending the benefits of this act to school districts?

**Mr. Speaker:** May I suggest that this is a question for the order paper.

**SUCCESSION DUTIES—REQUEST FOR INCREASED EXEMPTION**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Maurice Côté (Chicoutimi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question either to the Minister of Finance or to the Minister of National Revenue. Has either one knowledge of the recommendations made by the association of trust companies of Canada requesting that exemptions in regard to estate taxes be increased from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and is it intended to put this proposal into effect in the near future?

[Text]

**Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I did see something in the newspapers to this general effect, and this is one of the things which will certainly be considered in due course.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

**REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRANSISTOR RADIOS IN GALLERIES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber):** I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State. Will he advise the house whether