BORDEN-TORMENTINE FERRY RATES

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): My question is for my fellow Burnsophile, the new and still unspoiled Minister of Transport. Has the minister yet had time to take steps to dissuade the C.N.R. from their deplorable efforts toward infiltrating the rates on the Borden-Tormentine ferry service?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): The position is not directly that of the C.N.R. I have been making some inquiries with regard to that matter, and I hope to have some information for the house in a few Before asking my question, I think it is a days.

Before asking my question, I think it is a legitimate point to ask the house leader who days.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Would the new Minister of Transport make some inquiries of the C.N.R. with regard to saving the "Bullett"?

AIR TRANSPORT

CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES AUCKLAND-VANCOUVER CONTRACT

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Will the government be assisting Canadian Pacific Airlines in their efforts to obtain renewal of their contract between Auckland and Vancouver? If so, in what respect?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I will have to take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker. As far as I am aware, we will do anything we can to maintain our service in the Pacific. I will try to obtain a more specific answer.

Mr. Bell: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Since the New Zealand government is involved in this refusal and since Canadian Pacific Airlines are going to cause another application to go forward, will the minister consider backing them fully in this effort, and report to the house?

PENITENTIARIES

TECHNIQUES IN DEALING WITH PRISONERS

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): My question is for the Solicitor General. Is his department giving consideration to implementing in some of our correctional institutions the new techniques for dealing with prisoners developed by members of the Mr. Speaker, it is true that we have been department of psychiatry at McGill Universi- giving serious and active consideration to this ty and presently being implemented in the for a very long time. We hope to be able to New York prisons?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I saw the item in yesterday's paper on which the hon. member has based his question. Parts of that practice are in operation in Canadian penitentiaries now. Perhaps I should not comment more fully on the newspaper story.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE OF MINISTERS DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): is receiving questions for the Department of National Health and Welfare? Who is acting in the capacity of this minister today?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there is no one acting for the Department of National Health and Welfare today. That is not in the roster for Friday.

Mr. Lundrigan: In that respect, I have no question. This is becoming a real farce. Yesterday I could not ask questions because time would not permit. Today I cannot ask questions because the minister is not here. The situation is hopeless.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE WITH THE VATICAN

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): My question is for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the Vatican's announcement that a number of saints are to be taken off the official list, will this affect the government's decision to consider establishing diplomatic relations with that body?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

AGRICULTURE

IMPORTS OF VEGETABLE OIL SEEDS

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. When giving consideration to the importation of cheap corn, will he take some action on the importation of cheap vegetable oil seeds, and oil? He has been considering this for the past year and it is ruining our industries in that regard.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): find some basis for preventing this problem. I