

funds into Co-op Implements in the past year to keep that company in business. So we have provided major forms of support to the farm implement manufacturing industry in Manitoba and other parts of the prairies, to keep those companies in business.

What we have to face now, in many cases, is the problem of the export markets. Many of the countries that we relied upon are simply not buying tractors. Australia and the United States are not buying as many as they did earlier. We have to work to improve the basic underpinning of the international economy in order to enable firms such as these to regain their prosperity.

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WHEAT SALE TO JAPAN

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Madam Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In a trip last October, the Minister's assistant in the other place travelled to Japan. Could the Minister tell the House whether, on that trip, Senator Argue discussed directly or indirectly the wheat sale to Japan that was announced three days ago?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, I do not really try to follow the Hon. Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board in everything he does. I know that he travels internationally. He has been to Japan and the Soviet Union. Strangely enough, following his visits contracts are usually signed, which indicates that he is quite influential.

Mr. McKnight: I think everyone is amazed at that, Madam Speaker.

MINISTER'S TRAVEL BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINE

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Madam Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister if the trip taken by Senator Argue and his wife was on business for the Canadian Wheat Board and, if so, why they travelled on two free tickets provided by Canadian Pacific Air? They did travel on those tickets, so will the Minister ask his colleague to reimburse the cost? As some people feel that Canadian Pacific was the architect of Bill S-31, there could be an allegation of conflict of interest on the part of the Minister's assistant in the other place.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, that is really a personal problem. It was my impression that the national airlines, Air Canada and CN—

Mr. McKnight: CP.

Mr. Epp: That is the other one!

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Mr. Pepin:—CP Air, occasionally make tickets available to Ministers who travel around the world to defend the national interest.

I will bring the very detailed question to the attention of my colleague and he can answer it on his own.

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NATIONAL PARKS

PROPOSED BRUCE PENINSULA PARK

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of the Environment. The recent decision of the Liberal Government to allow Judd Buchanan to erect an apartment building within the boundaries of Banff National Park has placed the possible establishment of a national park in the Bruce Peninsula in serious jeopardy. A local advisory committee has given qualified approval for Parks Canada to proceed with the next stage in the establishment of a national park. What guarantees can the Minister give those people if they agree to the proposed park in the Bruce Peninsula that it will not be used for partisan Liberal purposes?

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Hon. John Roberts (Minister of the Environment): Madam Speaker, I have a very great deal of respect for the hon. gentleman who asked that question. I will respond to it seriously, and I will ignore what I think are some rather uncharacteristic sentiments that he expressed.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Roberts: In terms of the Bruce Peninsula Park, there is an extensive consultation process which is underway at the present time with the people of the area, and with the two councils of the area. Council elections have recently taken place and there may have been some change in the disposition on the part of the councils in relation to the projects.

Mr. Clark: Will it be patronage as usual?

Mr. Roberts: As the consultation process continues, if Parks Canada decides to proceed with the idea of the establishment of a park, a management plan will be brought forward for extensive public discussion.

Mr. Nielsen: Parks patronage.

Mr. Roberts: That management plan will be the basis for any future developments that take place within the park. It is in the elaborations of public discussion and public confirmation of the management plan that the kinds of limitations which would apply to any developments within that park would occur.

Mr. Gurbin: Madam Speaker, I am sure that Mr. Horner, Mr. Erikson and Mr. Strong would be comfortable with the