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MAKING PUBLIC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING GRAIN HANDLING BETWEEN CANADIAN NATIONAL AND CANADIAN PACIFIC

Question No. 2,401—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Will the government make public the memorandum of understanding concerning the sharing of grain handling between CPR and CNR, signed August 19, 1976 and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): The agreement in question is one which has been made between two companies operating in the commercial area, Canadian National Railways and Canadian Pacific Limited. The contents of such private documents are not normally disclosed by Government.

WORKERS EXPOSED TO GRAIN DUST

Question No. 2,404—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Is the government aware of reports that the Gage Research Institute study shows that respiratory problems may occur in up to 75 percent of workers exposed to grain dust and, if so, is the government giving consideration to assisting in the financing of the five year study which the Institute will begin in May 1977?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): In so far as Agriculture Canada is concerned: The Department is aware that the Gage Research Institute has released results of a study and that the Institute plans to conduct further studies relating to workers exposed to grain dust. This department is not considering the question of financial assistance.

In so far as Labour Canada is concerned: Labour Canada is participating in the Gage Institute research project by undertaking the environmental monitoring part of the study.

In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: The Department of National Health and Welfare is aware of a study of 68 grain elevator agents in Southern Manitoba, of whom 75 per cent were found to have respiratory symptoms. The Gage Institute has applied to the National Health Research and Development Program for financial support of a study of grain handlers and this application is being reviewed. In addition, the Department has cooperated with the Department of Labour in providing advice to the Gage Insti-

tute and has pledged technical assistance in furthering their study through the loan of technical equipment.

In so far as the Medical Research Council is concerned: Although the Medical Research Council provides significant support for a number of investigators working in the Gage Research Institute, the Council has received no applications from them for funds for research specifically related to respiratory problems of those exposed to grain dust.

PILOT BASES

Question No. 2,405—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Where are Air Canada's pilot bases located in Canada and how many pilots are assigned to each base?

2. Is the government aware of any studies which have been done, either in the United States or Canada, to determine the optimal and most economical number of pilots assigned to a base and, if so, what is the most economical number?

3. Has Air Canada considered making (a) Halifax-Dartmouth (b) Calgary (c) Edmonton as pilot bases and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): The management of Air Canada advises as follows: 1. Total pilots and supervisory pilots: Montreal 566; Toronto 728; Winnipeg 126; Vancouver 148.

Transport Canada advises as follows: 2. The government is not aware of any studies which have been done, either in the United States or Canada, to determine the optimal and most economical number of pilots assigned to a base.

The management of Air Canada advises as follows: 3. (a) Yes. (b) Yes. (c) No. Because with relatively low flight frequencies it has not been economically feasible to domicile pilots at Edmonton.

PROJECTS ACCEPTED IN ROBERVAL CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 2,428—**Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):**

Since the inception of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, what projects have been accepted for the Constituency of Roberval and, in each case, what (a) is the name of the company and the type of industry involved (b) was the amount granted (c) is the name of the locality where the company was operating (d) was the year the project was accepted?

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The reply for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows:

a)	Name of company	Type of industry/ Product	b)	Estimated Amt. of Incentive	c)	Locality	d)	Year Accepted
	Murdock Lumber Inc.	Sawmill		\$122,400		Dolbeau		1970
	Campeau Corporation Ltd.	Sawmill		396,491		Roberval		1970
	Produits Forestiers M.P. Inc.	Sawmill		36,883		St-Thomas-Didyme		1970
	Chibougamau Lumber Ltée	Timber & Lumber		927,923		Rivière Chicoubiche		1971
	La Scierie Normandin Inc.	Dry kiln mill		112,435		Normandin		1972
	Chaîne Coopérative du Saguenay	Lumber		121,400		Notre Dame de la Doré		1974
	Association Coopérative Laitière du Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	Cheese		16,080		Normandin		1974

[Mr. Lang.]