

*Inquiries of the Ministry***ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STANLEY GRAY AND
FRED ROSE**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. Can the minister tell the house whether the R.C.M.P. has made any investigation into the rumoured relationship between Mr. Stanley Gray and Mr. Fred Rose, a former member of this house?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, it has not been the practice to disclose what investigations the police authorities make in matters of this nature. This has been the practice of all governments in recent times.

TRANSPORT**P.E.I.—NEW BRUNSWICK HOVERCRAFT
SERVICE**

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the forecasted need for at least two additional ferries for the Northumberland Strait crossing over the next five years, and the recent amendments by the minister's colleague to the Canada Shipping Act with regard to air cushioned vehicles, I wonder whether the minister's department is now investigating or researching projects to establish hovercraft service from Prince Edward Island to New Brunswick.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): We have been looking at this question for some time. It was considered as one of the possible alternatives for providing service to the island. If I remember correctly, the latest report that I saw indicates that with the equipment presently available this would not be advisable, from the standpoint of cost and convenience, as compared with other forms of transportation.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): I wonder if, in connection with the ferry crossing and the considerable uncertainty which still exist with regard to both the schedule and fare structures, the minister will make an announcement shortly in the house, or have officials of the C.N.R. make such an announcement, before the commencement of greater activity in that operation.

Mr. Hellyer: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Assuming the commencement of greater activity can be postponed for just a few days, I can undertake to do that.

[Mr. Speaker.]

HOUSING**EXTENSION OF LOAN FORGIVENESS PROVI-
SION ON MUNICIPAL PROJECTS**

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport in his capacity as minister in charge of housing. Since the housing task force report recommended loans and grants to municipalities in order that they might increase the amount of service land available, does the government contemplate any extension of the N.H.A. 25 per cent loan forgiveness provisions for municipal capital works projects, which are due to expire in March, 1970?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This does not appear to be a matter of great urgency, if the hon. member is alluding to a situation which will not occur for another year.

Mr. Rose: May I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, regarding the urgency of my question. Projects of this type require a great deal of planning long in advance. I wonder therefore if the minister might answer my question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that if he is satisfied the matter is urgent, it can be debated at the time of adjournment.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**INQUIRY AS TO MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE
IN FIFTH REPORT**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): My question is directed to the President of the Privy Council. In view of the fact that it is impossible for the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications to give consideration to making its final recommendations to the house in connection with its study of the transportation problems of the Atlantic provinces until the house has disposed of the fifth report, will the minister tell the house, in his capacity as house leader, when he intends to bring forward the motion for concurrence in the fifth report, so that it can be disposed of and so that the transport committee can get down to making its final report on this matter?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): As I recall it, Mr. Speaker, the house spent a full day debating that matter, without making any progress. In the light of the heavy legislative schedule I do not expect to see it back at an early date.