

Inquiries of the Ministry

tion to provide improved mail service from one point to the next, that is, a 24-hour service, any thought has been given to providing direct service from computer centres where unemployment insurance cards are processed to regional offices on a trial basis to see whether this idea would work?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio): We shall consider that suggestion, Mr. Speaker.

ASSURED MAIL DELIVERY PROGRAM—EXTENSION TO
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, my question relates to the minister's announcement of assured one-day delivery and the fact that Prince Edward Island has been omitted from these arrangements. Is this omission to be permanent? When can the people of Prince Edward Island expect the same service as is being provided to the rest of the country? In the meantime would the department be prepared to provide a subsidy to help cover the cost of transporting night letters and the like?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio): I should like to point out that the cities and centres which will not be getting the 24-hour service from Toronto will not be losing anything they already have; the new proposals will not alter the service that these places are already getting. Hon. members should understand that if we are to guarantee this service we want to make sure we can provide it, and the only way we can do this is if we know there are planes flying from Toronto at certain times.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Is the minister aware that there is direct mail service from Montreal that might make use of this service?

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—REASONS FOR INCREASE IN PRICE OF MILK
IN ONTARIO

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture.

Ontario dairies have just announced that the price of milk will go up 4 cents for three-quart jugs and we can expect that Quebec dairies will follow suit. May I ask the minister whether this increase, in his opinion, stems from an imminent shortage of milk or from other causes?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): The hon. member is talking about the pricing arrangements for fluid milk, and these do not come under the jurisdiction of the federal Department of Agriculture or of the Canadian Dairy Commission.

[Mr. Korchinski.]

PUBLIC SERVICE

ORIGIN OF MEMORANDUM ON HIRING OF FRANCOPHONE
UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question for the President of the Treasury Board. Did either the office of the Prime Minister or the office of the Secretary of State originate the so-called Francophone memorandum?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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WELFARE

REQUEST FOR GRANT TO BLACK UNITED FRONT, SYDNEY,
N.S., TO ESTABLISH DAY-CARE CENTRE

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): In the absence of the Minister of National Health and Welfare may I direct my question to his Parliamentary Secretary. In light of the announcement by the minister's office that a special \$10,000 grant has been made to the greater Victoria low income group of Victoria, British Columbia, toward a day-care centre for the children of women on welfare engaged in part-time employment, will the minister give consideration to making a similar grant to the Black United Front of Sydney which is attempting to establish a similar program?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that his question is in the form of a representation or suggestion to the minister, and he must assume that it will be considered by the government.

Mr. Muir: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, with this government I find I cannot assume anything. Since the government can find money for tom fools and others, surely it can find money for the good people of the Black United Front—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member's point of order is an additional representation.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

SKATING ON RIDEAU CANAL

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): My question is directed to the minister who answers in the House on behalf of the National Capital Commission. Would the minister commend the chairman of the commission for his initiative in making ice available to skaters of this area on the Rideau Canal?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!