

his constituency into thinking that inexpensive single family dwellings on inexpensive lots in major municipalities around Toronto are still here, I think it is a delusion.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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PENITENTIARIES

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—LETTER REQUESTING VISIT BY JOURNALISTS TO CELL BLOCK ONE—METHOD OF SELECTING JOURNALISTS

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nielsen: It is always nice to know that one is welcome among friends.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Nielsen: My question is for the Solicitor General, and it is supplementary to one which was asked by my colleague, the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth. I should like to establish what is in the mind of the minister, if anything, in connection with his reply that some members of the press would be admitted to examine cell one and cell one conditions. The question that the press has been putting to him is whether they will be permitted to examine the conditions at cell one, and if there will be a selection, how will that selection process be carried out by the minister. Will all members of the press be invited to visit the cell, if they so please, or will they be selected so that only certain members will be allowed to visit?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): You can't get them all into the same cell.

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Obviously we cannot allow all the journalists in cell block one—it would not be big enough to hold them.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Get them in there and keep them.

Mr. Allmand: But we are following a precedent made a few years ago when there were some allegations with regard to one of our institutions. In that case we invited the leading newspapers of Montreal to send anybody they wished to visit the institution. We will do the same thing in this case.

Mr. Dinsdale: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in reference to another example of concealment of information on the part of the ministry. Yesterday, answers, or what purported to be answers, were tabled in reference to several questions. Two questions were submitted by me, Nos. 525 and 526, and another two by the hon. member for Rocky Mountain, questions 159 and 388. The reply from the government in all cases was that the government does not maintain records which would enable it to trace the subsequent careers of those who at one time served ministers in the capacities listed. In order to answer this question, the answer goes, it would be necessary to review the

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personal file of every individual employed in the public service of Canada. Obviously, that is false because all that is necessary is to review the files of those who have worked in the offices of ministers, and this is a task that is relatively simple. Our concern in putting these questions is simply that the government is bypassing the Public Service Commission and in its efforts is politicizing the public service of Canada.

Mr. Alexander: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Labour recently indicated, I believe, that there was a negotiated settlement, temporary or otherwise, regarding the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Workers. I wonder if he is aware of the fact that according to the *Ottawa Journal* of today's date there are still some 235 CN employees on strike.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Alexander: I resent the attitude of that gang over there. I was going to assist the Minister of Labour, but the government members cannot understand that.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The Minister of Transport seeks permission to revert to motions for the purpose of tabling some documents. Is that agreed.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

TRANSPORT

TABLING OF REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING RAILROAD FROM ARCTIC TO ALBERTA

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House, could we revert to motions, because I would like to table a report which the Opposition is looking forward to read. This is the report on the feasibility of constructing a railroad from the Far North to Alberta. I have here four copies in French and four copies in English.

[English]

Mr. Alexander: I wish at this point to refer to the settlement which the minister had indicated had been reached. At the same time I am not sure that he is aware of all the circumstances as indicated in the *Ottawa Journal* of today. Apparently there are some 235 CN employees still on strike. There is no staff at the Ottawa Station or Walkley yard. Ticket sellers, redcaps, baggage, freight and express handlers, have all left to hold meetings.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question period is concluded. The hon. member may have a further follow up question, a supplementary question, or indeed is endeavouring to assist the minister to clarify his earlier statement, although that may be fortuitous on his part. The question period has come to a conclusion and I can