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AIR TRANSPORT

EDMONTON—ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS DURING WINTER MONTHS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, since the Minister of Transport is not here may I direct my question to his parliamentary secretary. Is there any intention of allowing Canadian Pacific Airlines, Western Airlines or Pacific Western Air Lines additional flights in and out of Edmonton to compensate for those which were deleted from Air Canada's winter schedule for that capital city?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, decisions of that kind come under the Canadian Transport Commission and will be reviewed by that body.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

UNION DISPUTE RESPECTING REPORTING OF OTTAWA CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): My question is for either of two ministers who are seatmates—the Minister of Labour or the Secretary of State. Has either been advised that a group of C.B.C. newsmen belonging to a C.L.C. union had prevented a C.B.C. newsmen from a C.N.T.U. union from reporting the dominion-provincial conference this week in Ottawa on national networks, and what action is contemplated?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Could that question not be placed on the order paper?

Mr. McCleave: Since this involves the freedom of the press, Mr. Speaker, I will ask that it be debated at ten o'clock.

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION ON GRAIN DRYING EQUIPMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): My question is for the Minister of Finance. Is the minister now able to inform the house whether or not he will propose accelerated depreciation allowances for farm grain dryers similar to those for farm grain storage equipment?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): I have asked the Minister of Agriculture to

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look into the feasibility of doing this. We intend to have a consultation on the matter in the near future and when a decision has been reached an announcement may be made.

USE AND OPERATION OF GRAIN DRYERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the large quantities of out-of-condition grain on the prairies, is the Department of Agriculture, through the Board of Grain Commissioners, giving any assistance or advice to farmers on the use and operation of farm grain dryers?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I had a report yesterday from the minister of agriculture for Saskatchewan. He advised me they had made a survey and found there are more than 800 on-farm grain dryers in that province, having a capacity of something like 800,000 bushels a day. This is so far in excess of anything which has been available in other years that we think the situation is well in hand.

As far as advice is concerned, pamphlets have been put out by the Board of Grain Commissioners giving both advice and caution, I might add, so that some of the milling qualities of the grain should not be adversely affected.

Mr. Gleave: Is the Board of Grain Commissioners making spot checks on the quality of grain as it is going through local dryers?

Mr. Olson: I do not know whether they are making any special effort of that kind this year. The hon. member is aware that the Board of Grain Commissioners does this as a normal practice, but I will inquire to find out whether any special arrangements have been made to meet the exceptional conditions this year, and, if not, I will ask whether the board does not think it advisable that additional checks should be made.

FISHERIES

INQUIRY AS TO DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Moores (Bonavista-Trinity-Conception): I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. Does the minister intend to pay deficiency payments to the east coast fishing industry up to the end of October, as he announced on October 16 in this house, or only until the end of September as he advised the industry on October 18?