AIRPORTS

TORONTO-EXTENSION OF MALTON SITE

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Transport. Could the minister advise the house whether the studies which his department has been undertaking recently regarding the future needs of the Toronto international airport have led the officials of that department to the conclusion that the present Malton site can be sufficiently expanded to look after that airport's needs for the next 15 or 20 years in the supersonic age, or have they come to the conclusion that an additional site is necessary.

Mr. Speaker: The question asked by the hon, gentleman in those terms is similar to the question asked by the hon, member for Shefford. I suggest it should be rephrased, because it is not acceptable in its present terms.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I simply asked the minister whether the studies recently undertaken by his department have enabled him to come to the conclusion that the present Malton airport site can be sufficiently expanded to look after the needs—

Mr. Speaker: I suggest that the question obviously suggests its own answer.

Mr. Hees: Is the minister's department considering another site to look after the future needs of Toronto international airport?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The answer to this question is a matter of public record. As my hon, friend undoubtedly knows, if he follows events in respect of the Toronto international airport, we announced recently that the limited expansion which would take place there would be sufficient to accommodate traffic into the early 1980's and that soon, within perhaps a year or two, we would choose a site for an alternate airport which would look after the expansion looking beyond that date.

Mr. Hees: Is the minister giving serious consideration to the area I suggested earlier, that is the Picton area, where there is an excellent site which would accommodate all the needs of the department?

Mr. Hellyer: There are certain inherent liabilities which are obvious.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

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Inquiries of the Ministry [Translation]

QUEBEC—LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Speaker: Order. I assume the hon. member for Shefford, has a modified question to ask too.

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Since the Minister of Transport is ready to answer, could he tell us whether it is true that the Quebec government was only advised on September 10, 1968, of the official decision taken by the federal government, to build a new international airport in Quebec, in spite of the fact that Messrs. Baribeau and Beanhaker's studies had been going then for over a year and a half?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think the question as put by the hon. member is in order. All he is asking is that a statement made outside the house be confirmed or denied. In this sense, I do not think it is in order.

Mr. Rondeau: I should like to discuss this matter at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

"FESTIVAL"—ALLEGED DEGRADING PERFORM-ANCE, "NEIGHBOURS AND THE BASEMENT"

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State who reports for the C.B.C. I have received a number of communications, as I am sure have other members, regarding the degrading and demoralizing program on the "Festival", series called "Neighbours and The Basement", which appeared on the C.B.C. on January 15. Has the minister inquired of the C.B.C. whether or not the admonition of the Prime Minister that government should stay out of the bedrooms of the nation should apply as well to a publicly owned corporation. This particular show, I am told, was degrading, demoralizing-and worse.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, for the portion of the right hon. member's intervention that constitutes a question, my answer is yes.