

*Oral Questions*

## MEASURES TO IMPROVE SERVICE AND AVOID DEFICITS

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is to the Postmaster General. In view of reports that an ever increasing number of businesses, including one of Canada's largest companies, are resorting to private mail service, can the minister tell the House what measures are being taken to maintain the volume of mail handled in order to avoid ever increasing deficits in the postal budget?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for his question. The post office is attempting to establish labour peace in order to encourage increased volume. We are conducting all the studies which are required to ascertain how best to provide that sort of service, which will justify the monopoly which the statutes have provided the post office relating to first class mail.

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## AIRPORTS

## VICTORIA, B.C.—REASON FOR FAILURE TO INSTAL RADAR

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transport, who has been loudly touting the virtues of international airports in Canada. Is the minister aware that on at least two occasions officials in his department have recommended that radar be installed at the Victoria International Airport? If he is, would he indicate why he has turned down the recommendation, and if he is not, would he look into his department and check on his facts because I am sure of mine?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, in any case officials in the department and in the different regions will very frequently make recommendations in terms of the next steps to be taken in their particular regions. Those recommendations have to be weighed having regard to the finances which are available, and by no means can all of them be carried out in any sense of fiscal responsibility. Notwithstanding that, I can repeat to the hon. member that we have maintained an extremely high standard of safety in Canada.

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## ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

## CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF LABOUR ON POSSIBLE BUSINESS-LABOUR AGREEMENT ON ENDING CONTROLS

**Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Labour. In view of the refreshing and courageous statement made this morning by the hon. member for Vancouver South in the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration that a question he asked in the House yesterday was based on erroneous media information, could the minister set the record straight and give this House the correct situation in relation to the possibility of an agree-

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ment between labour and business with regard to ending the controls?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I must say that I was impressed that the hon. member for Vancouver South in the finest parliamentary tradition did check his sources and did indicate that I was misquoted yesterday. I think that was a real service inasmuch as I would not want the parties who met in the Prime Minister's office to feel that what took place did not in fact take place and attribute the authorship of that misinformation to myself.

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## ENERGY

## POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE TO LOWER GULL ISLAND HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and it is supplementary to those asked by my colleagues. In view of the fact that the answers given to my colleagues certainly indicate evidence of delays in oil exploration, I wonder if the minister is prepared to offer further financial assistance to develop the Lower Gull Island site to take advantage of the known potential hydro power there to serve Newfoundland and Canada.

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I think I have made it quite clear on a number of occasions in the House that we are very anxious to enter into discussions with the province of Newfoundland with regard to the development of the Gull Island site. The next move is that of the premier.

## CONDITIONS ON PERMITS GRANTED TO EASTCAN GROUP FOR EXPLORATION ON LABRADOR SHELF

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. In connection with the activities of the EastCan group which has received permits from the government of Canada covering approximately 28 million acres off the Labrador shelf, could the minister table a resume of the conditions applying to these permits, and have assurances been given EastCan which differ from the conditions which apply to other oil exploration groups on the Labrador shelf or in the frontier areas generally? If so, what are the differences in the assurances given or the conditions imposed?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps that question is in the nature of an order paper question. I would be very pleased to try to deal with each aspect of it in a written submission to the hon. member. However, to the best of my knowledge no particular assurances have been given which are different from those given to anybody else. In other words, we have not singled out EastCan and said that we are going to give EastCan a better deal than anybody else. We have said to