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TRANSPORT

REVIVAL OF NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY PASSENGER SERVICE

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Transport. In view of the Canadian Transport Commission's new objective, released yesterday, to develop a basic transcontinental railway passenger service which will satisfy the needs of the travelling public, and in view of the commission's firm decision that transcontinental passenger service will be continued, is it the intention of the minister to submit requests or suggestions to the commission to revive now the Canadian National passenger service in Newfoundland in order to make the system truly transcontinental?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, if I may borrow one of your phrases, the hon. member's question is in the form of a representation and he can only assume that it has been noted.

NATIONAL PARKS

SHIP HARBOUR—PREVENTION OF LAND SPECULATION

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of widespread rumours that have very serious connotations, can he inform us whether he has consulted or will consult with the officials of the government of Nova Scotia with a view to taking steps to preclude land speculation in connection with the proposed Ship Harbour National Park?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, as far as the possible location of a park and the control of the land where it will be are concerned, the government of Nova Scotia has the exclusive power to take the necessary steps liable to prevent any speculation on that land. We will have no jurisdiction until an agreement has been signed by the two parties.

[English]

Mr. Forrestall: In view of alleged widespread speculation involving one of the worst types of crime that can be perpetrated against the public purse, would the minister undertake to satisfy himself and the House that the rumours are false, or otherwise?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to know whether or not there is speculation, but I will relay the hon. member's representations to the government of Nova Scotia.

[Mr. Jamieson.]

[English]

HEALTH

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION RESPECTING CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): My question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that last week in St. Thomas the hon. gentleman declined to give any information about the proposed legislation relating to tobacco advertising but said he would do so in the House of Commons, does he propose to introduce this legislation for first reading and make a statement or has he now decided to listen to reason and not introduce the bill at all?

Mr. McCleave: Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

SUGGESTED PENSION INCREASES FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEES

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister now in a position to report to the House on the success of his efforts to persuade the Canadian Pacific Railway to grant pension increases to its retired employees similar to those granted to pensioners of the Canadian National Railways?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I can report success in conveying the message effectively, I think, but beyond that I have nothing to report.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister press on?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will press on.

AIRPORTS

STE SCHOLASTIQUE—JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE BETWEEN
FEDERAL AND QUEBEC GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING
PROJECT WORKERS

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. What is the major issue in contention between the federal government and the government of Quebec regarding manpower difficulties in the construction of the airport at Ste Scholastique, and are similar disputes likely to arise in other provinces?

Mr. Speaker: I doubt very much that the hon. member's question is in order. It seems to me it is a question which invites a very general statement and I would think that kind of information ought to be given to the House on motions.

[Translation]

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister a question.