

commuter lines feeding into Toronto. Initial negotiations area already under way with Mr. Campbell's office, and I assume that that particular route will be embraced by the study.

Mr. Ryan: May we take it that the minister will push for progress in the commuter service area?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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POLLUTION

YUKON RIVER—INVESTIGATION OF SEWAGE PROBLEM

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the minister's department investigated the sewage pollution problem in the Yukon River? If so, what are the plans of his department in this respect?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am not presently aware of this problem. I shall inquire and I shall be pleased to inform the hon. member regarding this matter.

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[English]

SHIPPING

EXTENSION OF CHURCHILL SEASON—CONSULTATIONS WITH INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Is the minister's department consulting with insurance companies which underwrite ocean shipping with a view to extending the present shipping season out of Churchill this coming year?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. If these gentlemen are not in the country now they will be within a matter of hours. I have invited the top people in the insurance fraternity from the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. Part of their visit will involve a complete tour of the St. Lawrence seaway, and they will be thoroughly briefed while here about the so-called Hudson Bay route. Later in the year, we will invite them back when the time is appropriate to view that route. The objective of the exercise is to get them to reduce insurance rates for all ocean shipping into icy Canadian waters.

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HISTORIC SITES

LOWER FORT GARRY—DISCONTINUANCE OF MILITARY CEREMONY

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Last Wednesday I asked him about the proposed discontinuance of summer job oppor-

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tunities for students at historic Fort Garry and at other national historic sites in Canada. Is the minister now ready to reply?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that the military guard at Fort Garry was not of a very great historical authenticity, because that fort had been mostly used for fur trading rather than for military purposes. This is why, from the point of view of historical authenticity, it was not desirable to maintain this military guard. However, we are taking the necessary steps so that the number of jobs for students will not be decreased at Fort Garry.

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker, the other part of my question referred to stepping up the program of animation with a view to employing students and providing summer job opportunities. Will such animation be taking place this summer at Fort Garry and at other historic sites across the country?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, the program of animation which will be diversified enough should be undertaken this summer. It will particularly highlight fur trading. I was told that students will wear appropriate costumes.

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[English]

TRANSPORT

TOTAL SHIP CAPACITY, CAPE TORMENTINE-BORDEN FERRY SERVICE—NUMBER OF CREW

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can he assure the House that the total capacity of ships made available for the Cape Tormentine-Borden ferry service this year will be at least as great as the total capacity in operation last year, and will the total number of crew be approximately the same?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): In reply to the first part of the question, Mr. Speaker, I can certainly give that assurance. In point of fact, it is my assessment that there will be an increase in capacity—that is our intention—with regard to passengers and automobiles. In so far as the crews are concerned, I have no doubt that since we are adding two additional vessels to the east coast ferry fleet there will be employment for at least the same number of people as previously. There is a question about which I have asked the CNR to advise me as soon as possible with regard to the disposition of those crews relative to where the ships themselves are going to be used during the summer.

Mr. MacLean: Can the minister assure me, on the assumption that only one of the ferries in operation there this summer will be capable of carrying railway cars, that there will be another ferry available as a reserve which can be quickly brought into service if necessary?