

Inquiries of the Ministry

surgery. In view of this continuing crisis I wonder whether the minister is now prepared to reconsider the somewhat niggardly grant made by the government—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Scott (Danforth):—toward the construction of hospitals so the municipalities can expand this construction and try to take care of the long lists of people who are urgently awaiting surgery.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member might want to put the question on the order paper.

Mr. Scott (Danforth): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member might also put the supplementary question on the order paper.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Scott (Danforth): Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[*Later:*]

Mr. Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to rise on a question of privilege, if I may, and ask Your Honour, in view of the ruling you made on my earlier question, why it is that the health and welfare of some two million people is not a subject which can be raised as a matter of urgency on orders of the day.

Mr. Speaker: The question raised by the hon. member is not a question of privilege, as I am sure he knows, and he should rephrase his question.

COAL

ALBERTA—NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING
FREIGHT RATES ON SHIPMENTS
TO JAPAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the question asked by the hon. member for York South in reference to the important matter of the export of coal from western Canada to Japan, and in view of the minister's reply that his answer might be involved, would the minister be prepared in the next few days to make a statement on motions in reference to this large contract with Japan which has now been usurped by the C.P.R.?

[Mr. Scott (Danforth).]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would think that in the course of the next day or two the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources or I would be able to make some statement about this matter. I certainly hope so.

Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could I ask the Minister of Transport whether in making his reply he will include any discussions he has had with the Canadian Pacific Railway with respect to running a coal type commuter train between the Crownsnest pass and Port Moody, B.C.

Mr. Pickersgill: It was not a commuter train; it was a unit train. But I think that is what the hon. member really meant.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

SUGGESTED FILMING OF ARMED FORCES
TATTOO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Defence. I would ask the minister, in view of the excellence of the armed forces tattoo now touring the country, whether the government has given any consideration to the preparation of a film of this event so as to make it available to Canadians in smaller communities across the land.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think this suggestion to the minister should be made by way of a question at this time.

AIR CANADA

USE OF U.S. PILOTS IN LEASED DC-9 AIRCRAFT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Will United States pilots be used for the DC-9's leased by Air Canada from the United States? If so, have Canadian pilots filed injunctions against Air Canada in this regard, and what is the attitude of the government?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): There are so many "ifs" "ands" and "buts" in the hon. gentleman's question that I think I should get advice before answering it.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Will the minister report to the house on this?