

Oral Questions

all sectors of the agricultural industry in all sections of the country.

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TRADE**INQUIRY RESPECTING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES HELD AT CHARNY—REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Concerning the question that I put last week regarding the fact that about one hundred trucks have been kept in a yard near the CN tracks in Charny, Quebec, and since the minister answered that he would consider the matter, can he now inform the House regarding this matter?

[English]

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the inquiries I have made indicate that if any cars are being held on sidings they are being held there for company reasons, not for other reasons.

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AIR CANADA**DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT AT TORONTO AIRPORT BY EXPLOSION AND FIRE**

Mr. Duncan M. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister received any report from the team of investigators studying the explosion of the DC-8 jetliner in Toronto? Second, can the minister now assure the House and those who were about to board that flight that the JP 4 aircraft fuel used by Air Canada is still the safest fuel?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the only report I have received indicates that they have not found the cause of the accident. As far as the second question is concerned, JP 4 fuel versus JP 1, this has been discussed at length by Air Canada and for many years it has opted for JP 4 because it is more efficient and more adapted to our climate. This is a technical question which was decided by those who run the airline.

Mr. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain): Can the minister tell us why Ministry of Transport aircraft carrying the minister and the Prime Minister do not use the same safe fuel but instead use JP 1 aircraft fuel?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I do not know what is used by DOT.

[Mr. Lang.]

POST OFFICE**VANCOUVER—ACTION TO SETTLE STRIKE**

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General. In view of the fact no mail has been moved in Vancouver for the last two days, can the minister advise the House whether he has settled the Vancouver mail strike and whether the mail will be moving tomorrow?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I hope so. We are following this question very closely and I hope to be able to report to the House tomorrow.

[Later:]

Mr. Reynolds: Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Postmaster General. In view of the fact that the Post Office is unwilling to meet with the union to discuss the causes of the strike, will the minister personally bring the two parties together and get the "royal snail" on the move again?

[Translation]

Mr. Ouellet: Mr. Speaker, may I remind the hon. member that this work stoppage is illegal. On the other hand, the postal authorities would certainly not refuse to deal with the employees concerned. However, we hope they will resume work immediately and that, following their return to work, we may settle this conflict satisfactorily.

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[English]

TRANSPORT**REQUEST THAT ANNUAL REPORTS OF CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AND AIR CANADA BE REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. It has been asked three or four times and the matter has been the subject of at least three motions under Standing Order 43. Will the minister now, soon or ever refer the annual reports of Canadian National Railways and Air Canada to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, it is still under consideration.

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FRUIT**DECLINE IN PRICE OF CHERRIES BECAUSE OF IMPORTS—ACTION TO PROTECT BRITISH COLUMBIA GROWERS**

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Agriculture. I have given him notice. Did he receive a telegram over the weekend from B.C. Tree Fruits protesting about the serious drop in the price of cherries in British Columbia as a result of massive imports of cherries from Washington? If so, does he plan to do something