

QUANTITY OF OIL TO BE MOVED FROM ONTARIO INTO
QUEBEC THIS WINTER—SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY
GOVERNMENT

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): I suggest that the minister might look into that because I believe he will find he is incorrect. I have one further question. Has the minister now had an opportunity to determine what quantities of oil during this winter will be moving from Ontario into Quebec, and also what supplies have been purchased abroad so that he can try to determine from these areas what supplies will be available to overcome the deficiency?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I would have to ask that the second part of the question be referred to the Minister of Supply and Services—

Mr. Bawden: Well, speak to him.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):—whose departmental responsibility it is to make acquisitions. With respect to the first part, I regret I cannot answer this afternoon. I will have to get the answer later.

Mr. Bawden: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Calgary South will be recognized for a further supplementary and then I will recognize the hon. member for Malpeque.

Mr. Bawden: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but these ministers keep playing pingpong. Would the Minister of Supply and Services tell us what quantities he has now purchased abroad, when these will be available to Canada, and perhaps say what the price is going to be?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the figures remain the same: we have bought 40 million gallons in the Caribbean and in Roumania. A first shipment has been unloaded in St. John's, Newfoundland, and a second will probably be unloaded at Quebec City into Caloil tanks. A third has also left on November 24. We have thus scheduled oil shipments from the Caribbean until the month of December. With regards to Roumanian oil, a first shipment is expected for early December. As for the price we paid, since we are still studying the markets, as I have said previously, and we intend to negotiate with all those who can supply us with extra oil, I would prefer not to reveal it.

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[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

AMOUNT OF FUEL TAKEN ON BY FOREIGN PLANES AT
CANADIAN AIRPORTS—SUPPLY FOR CANADIAN CHARTER
CARRIERS AT SOUTHERN DESTINATIONS

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport I will direct my question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Are non-Canadian airlines taking on an abnormal amount

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of fuel at Canadian airports for trans-Atlantic and other international flights? Whether or not this is true, what action is the government taking to guarantee that Canadian charter flight activities this winter will have a suitable supply of fuel in Florida and other southern destinations so that this important industry, the small airlines and charter carriers, will not be eliminated?

● (1430)

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to inquire into that question.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

QUALITY OF TELEVISION SERVICE TO NORTHERN
VIEWERS SINCE USE OF ANIK SATELLITE BEGAN

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. What measures are being envisaged to protect northern television viewers from the numerous foul-ups and program repetitions which they have had to suffer since the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation began to use the Anik satellite to transmit feed from Toronto to Vancouver using the north as a relay point instead of treating it as an audience?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member has a very valid complaint.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Faulkner: It has been the subject of a petition received from people in the Northwest Territories. I only wish I could offer the hon. member a short or quick solution to the problem but I cannot. Maybe we might meet later and I will point out to the hon. member some of the difficulties.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the same minister and I am sure that some southerners would be interested in it as well. When can the Northwest Territories expect to have its own television production centre?

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to answer that.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Halton.

Mr. O'Connor: Mr. Speaker, my question was for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources who seems to have vacated the House temporarily.