

view of the fact that the Prime Minister indicated by his answer to the Leader of the Opposition that the resignation of the Minister of Transport will result in some decisive action in the housing field, can we look forward hopefully to other resignations shortly, including that of the Minister of Agriculture?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Prime Minister will assure us that he will take part in the debate tomorrow.

Mr. Trudeau: I will give that question consideration, Mr. Speaker.

In reply to the previous question I would be inclined to say that if resignation brings action, then there should be many resignations in the opposition ranks.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Baldwin: We have nothing to resign from.

Some hon. Members: Resign.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): If questions in reference to the Department of Transport, and in particular those with regard to housing are to be answered, will the Prime Minister inform the house whom the acting minister in the house to answer these questions will be.

Mr. Trudeau: As the hon. member knows, the roster system does not provide for the Minister of Transport to be present in the house today.

An hon. Member: How about tomorrow?

Mr. Trudeau: As for tomorrow, I can assure the house that there will be a minister answering questions with regard to the department.

Mr. Baldwin: How about the Holy Ghost today?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I bring to the attention of hon. members that many questions have been asked on what I realize is an important point, and I see that another seven or eight hon. members are anxious to ask supplementary questions on this subject. However, the hon. member for Témiscamingue and other hon. members are anxious to ask questions on other matters, so I

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believe we should not press the matter much further. I wonder therefore whether hon. members might not allow the Chair to call the hon. member for Témiscamingue, and if we run out of subjects in the next fifteen minutes we might return to this one.

[*Translation*]

NATIONAL PARKS

GASPÉ—MEETING WITH QUEBEC AUTHORITIES

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

It was announced recently that a very important meeting between the minister and the authorities of the province of Quebec would be held in connection with the establishment of a national park in the Gaspé peninsula. Is the minister in a position to tell the house today if he met the provincial authorities and, if so, have they reached an agreement on the matter?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, this meeting has not yet been held.

[*English*]

FISHERIES

GROUND FISH FLOOR PRICE—SALT COD POLICY

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry which arises out of the statement released by the department today. Has the minister defined a floor price for groundfish, and has the department worked out the mechanics for the purchasing and receiving of the groundfish mentioned in the press release?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The answer is yes, the department has worked out the mechanics of this purchasing arrangement, both with the trade and in concert with some of the other fish exporting countries selling frozen groundfish in the United States. The Fisheries Prices Support Board will be buying at market prices fish which is offered at any price below the prevailing market price, with a view to supporting the price and bidding it up to a point where it covers the basic costs of our efficient Canadian producers.