

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I share with the Minister of Transport the thought that it will be a very happy day for the frontbenchers on this side when we revert to the normal procedure.

This is a matter that is under advisement. Of course, we are bound by the legislation and cannot specifically share in the cost of recreation land, but we are studying methods of assuring that no recreation land has to be disposed of by the Metropolitan Toronto conservation authority, so that the attractiveness of the entire scheme may be maintained.

Mr. Kaplan: Will the minister advise the House when the government may be in a position to make an announcement on this subject?

Some hon. Members: Soon, soon.

Mr. Greene: In the near future.

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AIRPORTS

MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY CITIES

Mr. Gaétan-J. Serré (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Is it the policy of the Department of Transport to take over management of city operated airports where the city does not have the proper resources to provide adequate facilities for the travelling public?

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I thank hon. members for their assistance.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I, too, will say "order". I suggest to the hon. member he is inviting a statement of policy and in those terms his question is not in order.

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TRANSPORT

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—CONTINUATION OF CABINET COMMITTEE

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has he received any indication from the new Atlantic provinces' governments that they intend to follow in the steps of the previous governments by maintaining the Atlantic provinces cabinet committee on transportation for continued co-operation with the federal government—

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Mr. Corbin:—in an honest and serious effort to solve that regions perennial transportation problems?

[Mr. Kaplan.]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, before answering the question may I welcome hon. members of the opposition to the Liberal caucus.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Jamieson: The answer is that I have already had communications with the new premier of the province of Nova Scotia. Of course, the new premier of New Brunswick was sworn in only yesterday and there have not been opportunities for that kind of consultation. I have every reason to believe that both governments will agree to maintaining the committee to which the hon. member refers.

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AIRPORTS

VANCOUVER—CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE

Mr. Len Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo): It is an easy one to answer. Can the minister advise the House when construction will begin on the new bridge to the Vancouver International airport?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubts, even if the question is easy, whether the minister should be allowed to reply, as I am really not aware of the urgency of the matter. If there is urgency, I should think the question might be considered at the time of adjournment.

An hon. Member: At ten o'clock.

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FINANCE

POLICIES TO ASSIST PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY TO COMPETE MORE EFFECTIVELY AND REDUCE POLLUTION

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Thunder Bay): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of Finance. Can he indicate to the House whether new policies will shortly be announced designed to assist the pulp and paper industry to compete more effectively in the international market, while at the same time helping it to abate its pollution problem here in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is acceptable only to the extent that the hon. member is inviting the minister to indicate whether a statement will be made.

Hon. Herb Gray (Acting Minister of Finance): I am not in a position to give such an indication at the present time, Mr. Speaker.