

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**RECOVERY OF INCOME TAX FROM EMPLOYEES
STATIONED IN UNITED STATES—REFUSAL BY
CORPORATION—POSITION OF MINISTER**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State who is responsible for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It is a follow-up to a question I asked him earlier in the session dealing with the recovery of income tax from CBC employees stationed in the United States. My question is based on a written answer that I received from the minister wherein the hon. gentleman stated that the CBC has refused to collect this income tax as recommended by the Public Accounts Committee. I now ask the minister whether he is accepting the refusal of the CBC to make this collection or whether he is prepared to accept the recommendation of an all-party committee of this House?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, my position on this issue is as outlined in the letter to the hon. member. The suggestion I make in the letter is that the committee meet with officials of the CBC who say there is additional evidence they would like to place before the committee. I think this request is perfectly reasonable, and this is the course of action I would recommend.

Mr. Hales: In view of the fact that the minutes of proceedings of the committee for the last parliament have been finalized, and bearing in mind that this was the final decision of the committee, is the minister now prepared to accept the committee's recommendation?

Mr. Faulkner: My position is as I outlined.

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HOUSING**MONTREAL NORTH—MEASURES TO PROTECT WAR
VETERANS IN CASE OF SALE OF PROJECT**

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

In view of the great anxiety shown by some 600 veterans from Montreal North, could the minister give the necessary instructions to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in order that these veterans will be adequately and humanely protected should this housing project of 636 units built for them be sold.

[English]

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I am not sure that these people have been in communication with me. I will check and determine whether they have and see what can be done to alleviate their concern.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

TRADE**EXPORTS OF SNOWMOBILES TO UNITED STATES—
REQUEST THAT MINISTER EXPLAIN DECREASE**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Referring to a reply appearing on page 2443 of the March 21 issue of *Hansard* concerning exports of snowmobiles, I note that 88,000 fewer units were exported to the United States in 1972 than in 1971. Can the minister tell the House whether there is any connection between the American take-over of our snowmobile industries and the decline of exports in that line?

[English]

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I believe the main reason for the reduction in exports, though I should point out that there is still a very significant balance in Canada's favour, is that there were more manufacturers of snowmobiles in the United States, fewer people are buying them, and this year there was less snow.

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TRANSPORT**TRAIN DERAILMENTS—REQUEST FOR SPECIAL
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS**

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In light of the fact there has been yet another accident on the Canadian National system in the area generally south of Ottawa, this being the third in 14 days, will the minister now form a special committee to investigate the frequency and severity of these accidents?

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Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for giving me notice of the question. As he knows, inquiries made by the Canadian Transport Commission are usually public and the reports are of a public nature, but there is a lot of routine investigation which is not made public. I think this is as it should be. I have asked the CTC to publish the results of certain inquiries they have made. I have also asked them, following the hon. member's reference, to attempt to find out whether there is some other way of discovering the chief causes of these accidents which seem to be too numerous these days.

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NATIONAL REVENUE**EFFECT OF REVALUATION OF MARK AND YEN ON
CUSTOMS DUTIES ON IMPORTS FROM WEST GERMANY
AND JAPAN**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of National Revenue.