

Oral Questions

Mr. Whelan: These are closely related—

Mr. Hees: And so on, and so on.

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Speaker, I do not have to pay any more attention to John Turner than I paid before.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Whelan: With regard to the government's program to control inflation, if hon. members study what a marketing board does, they will find that it is probably more closely related to this program than any other business operation.

● (1420)

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I will direct my final supplementary question to the Prime Minister. I might say that I am very grateful for the remarks of the Minister of Agriculture about marketing boards. Yesterday Mr. Pepin referred to himself and Mrs. Plumptre as "two distinguished fools". I wonder if the Prime Minister could explain, in view of that ludicrous performance yesterday, what grounds Mr. Pepin might have for using the word "distinguished"?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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[Translation]

AIRPORTS**REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF SETTLEMENTS WITH
EXPROPRIATED PARTIES**

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Since 135 owners of land, plots of land, houses and other similar properties have not yet been granted a final settlement for the expropriations necessitated by the development of the Mirabel project, could the minister tell the House if the offers made to them will be increased by 10 per cent, as has been promised, in order to cover the increase in real estate values which has taken place since then? Moreover, could the minister say if those people will get \$3,000 more as compensation for relocation costs and for the disadvantages to which their relocation has given rise?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to look at the exact timing of the various settlement attempts in the case of Mirabel and discuss the details of that with the hon. member.

[Translation]

Mr. Beaudoin: I should like to put a supplementary to the Minister of Finance.

Can he tell the House whether the government is willing to consider the possibility of giving all Mirabel expropriated parties an increase of 50 per cent over the initial offer, just as he has agreed to do in the case of the expropriated of the Forillon park?

[Mr. Whelan.]

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): No, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

TRADE**CONSULTANTS' CONTRACT TO RAY McLAREN—ALLEGED
VIOLATION OF POLICY OF RESTRAINT**

Mr. Bill Kempling (Halton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, my question was for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. I note he is not yet in his seat. Perhaps I can direct it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the national call to restraint issued last Monday evening by the Prime Minister, and the notation in the white paper that the government plans a reduction in expenditures for private consultants, will the minister bring the spirit of these commitments to his own department and cancel the atrocious contract given to one Roy McLaren of Toronto?

An hon. Member: Here he is now.

Mr. Kempling: I will repeat my question to the minister. In view of the national call to restraint issued last Monday evening by the Prime Minister, and the notation in the white paper that the government plans a reduction in expenditures for private consultants, will the minister bring the spirit of these commitments to his own department and cancel the atrocious contract given to one Roy McLaren of Toronto?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member for not having been in at the outset. I am not sure if the contract is atrocious. In fact, I personally have not seen it. However, I am having discussions this afternoon with my deputy minister with regard to this and other related matters. Perhaps I might be able to reply more fully later. As far as I know at this moment, there is no contract.

Mr. Kempling: A supplementary question. We understand this contract was foisted on the minister's department by Messrs. Pitfield and Davey. Will the minister agree that a contract which calls for a salary of \$50,000 a year and \$40,000 a year in non-accountable expenses is not in keeping with the call for restraint and the commitment to reduce expenditures?

Mr. Jamieson: I am sure the hon. gentleman would agree that he and I are the least likely people in this House on which anything could be foisted by anyone. I look at it in terms of whether I consider the gentleman's services to be of the value that is now being negotiated.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**POSITION OF GOVERNMENT ON PRIVATE BILL CONCERNING
FIREARMS**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice.