

Inquiries of the Ministry

would like to shift the action to western Canada for a moment. Has the minister received an invitation to preside at the official opening of the new air terminal subsidized by the Department of Transport to serve southwestern Manitoba? Has he accepted that invitation, and will he be announcing the restoration of class A regional air service during the ceremonies so that this fine new facility will have some useful function?

Mr. Speaker: I doubt whether the question is in order. The hon. member will appreciate that it is not quite in order to ask the minister if he has received an invitation to attend a public function, and whether he will attend. I think that the hon. member for Oxford might have an acceptable question so far as the Chair is concerned.

Mr. Dinsdale: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase my question to make it come within the ambit of the rules. Will the Minister of Transport consult with his deskmate, the Minister of Supply and Services, concerning the importance of the restoration of class A service?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This further question, or reframed question, is in the nature of a representation. Perhaps the hon. member could look across the aisle and see if the minister is giving effect to his suggestion.

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AIRPORTS**TORONTO—PLANS TO ALLEVIATE GROUND TRAFFIC PROBLEM**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, since this seems to be the Minister of Transport's day in the House, so to speak, I also have a question for him. Has he any plans or is he in a position at the moment to announce plans to alleviate the increasingly acute traffic problem at Toronto International Airport? I refer specifically to those vehicles which are taking passengers to or from the airport. At the same time, could the minister reply to a question which he started to reply to about a year ago regarding the use of the RCMP to direct traffic and replacing them by the Corps of Commissioners or something similar?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have answered various parts of this question before. I would much prefer to answer the question asked by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris. The problem in Toronto is compounded, as the hon. member knows, by our anxiety to give a fair break to the Toronto taxi drivers in giving them access to fares from the airport. We are looking at the whole question of parking and the general control of traffic in the area. I hope that with a change in the manner of directing traffic along the lines proposed by the hon. member, or something of this sort, we can alleviate the situation.

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

PENITENTIARIES**PRINCE ALBERT—PAYMENT OF CERTAIN GUARDS DURING PERIOD OF SUSPENSION**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked a question of the Solicitor General concerning the riot at Prince Albert Penitentiary. I was then advised by the Minister that the report in connection with the investigation would not be produced. Is it not a fact that in the investigation it was decided that there was no negligence on the part of the guards or warders? If that is so, is it the intention of the government, now that these suspended guards have been reinstated, to compensate them for the money they lost during their suspension?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, six penitentiary officers were suspended following the inquiry, because it revealed circumstances where these officers had been negligent to say the least.

It is the intention of the department to be very strict in the application of internal regulations in prisons because those who are responsible for order there must be the first to set an example to the inmates.

It was in this light that we applied sanctions. As I mentioned yesterday, a grievance was filed by one of the officers. It is the only one. It is still being examined and we shall continue this examination in the normal way.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, the question is, are those six who were suspended to receive compensation for the period during which they were suspended?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Absolutely not, Mr. Speaker. Their suspension was without pay.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: That being so, Mr. Speaker, why is the government concealing the nature and particulars of the report which I understand places the responsibility right here in Ottawa?

[Translation]

Mr. Goyer: Mr. Speaker, suspension of penitentiary officers was perhaps not practiced in the past, but henceforth it will be. I repeat, it will be done fairly, and according to rules.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: But the facts were concealed.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF SPREAD IN PORK PRICES**

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Consumer