

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Catalogue 65-007, imports by Commodities.

NOTE: Current statistics only available to September, 1977.

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[Translation]

STARRED QUESTION

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 770?

[Text]

*PROCESS HEAT EXCHANGERS

Question No. 770—**Mr. Rynard:**

1. What is the cost per pound for nickel alloy tubing and plate for process heat exchangers from (a) International Nickel Company of Canada (b) off shore sources?

2. In which countries are the off shore sources located?

3. Is nickel alloy tubing and plate processed in Canada and, if not, for what reason?

[English]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows: 1. Prices of nickel alloy tubing and plate for heat exchangers vary widely according to product specifications. Therefore, complete specifications would be required to obtain a price from suppliers.

2. Nickel alloy tubing and plate are produced in the United States, Germany and the United Kingdom. Tubing is produced in Japan and Sweden.

3. Types of nickel alloy tubing for which there is a significant domestic market are processed in Canada. However, many nickel alloy tubing and plate products are not processed in Canada because the domestic market is too small to support a plant of minimum economic size, and major export markets are protected by significant tariffs.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. BEATTY—DELAY IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS NOS. 1,233, 1,236 AND 1,237

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the government has any intention of responding to question No. 1,233 which was placed on the order paper on January 26. Questions Nos. 1,236

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and 1,237 were also placed on the order paper on that date. I can understand that it might take some time to obtain the material requested but it has now been more than two months since these questions were put down.

[Translation]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I shall indeed take the request of the hon. member into consideration but I should like to take this opportunity to mention that, as at April 5, that is the day before yesterday, 855 questions had been answered in total, that is 56.3 per cent of all questions on the order paper, which is an excellent record.

Mr. Charles Lapointe (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have just read again the reply I gave the House earlier and find that I overlooked something. As I would hate to mislead the House, could I make a correction now?

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Lapointe: Mr. Speaker, at the end of my reply a while ago, I said certain amounts would be invested in the area early this summer: I meant early in the summer of 1979.

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[English]

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Mr. MacEachen: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might refer to consultations which have taken place with respect to Bill C-8 which I had intended to call first today until I heard the suggestion made by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta), and which I will call in accordance with that suggestion. At the same time I should like to obtain an order of the House with respect to the agreement on Bill C-8, namely, that we would commence the bill and complete the report stage and third reading in a period not longer than four hours.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Yes, Mr. Speaker. That represents the agreement to which we were a party, and we would be happy if such a House order were made.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I should like to confirm the agreement on behalf of the official opposition.