

the Prime Minister whether a decision has finally been arrived at in connection with possible amendments to cover hate literature. Some weeks ago it was indicated that it was only a matter of days away.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the matter is still under consideration as to what action can be taken during this session.

AGRICULTURE

CHEESE—POSSIBLE U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture but in his absence I will direct it to his parliamentary secretary. Is the minister aware of the legislation placed before Congress in Washington regarding the curbing of imports of Canadian cheese, and may I inquire what action the government contemplates, if any, in order to protect the interests of the Canadian cheese industry?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubt that this question is of immediate urgency. If it is, perhaps the hon. member might justify it at this time.

Mr. Danforth: If I may elaborate, Mr. Speaker, an announcement was made in the house a few weeks ago by the Minister of Agriculture that exports of Canadian cheese to the United States had been increasing. Now a bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress which, if passed, could result in grave circumstances so far as exports of Canadian cheese are concerned. The bill has been introduced and I want to know what action is being taken.

Mr. Speaker: Order. It might have been better had I accepted the question in the first instance.

Mr. Bruce S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture) Mr. Speaker, I should like to tell the hon. member that the minister and the government are carefully watching any legislative measures adopted across the line which may affect us here, and this particular measure is under study at present.

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): As a supplementary question, could the parliamentary secretary say whether the Canadian government is doing anything to protect hog producers against imports of pork?

Inquiries of the Ministry

COAL

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT ON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is the MacDonald report available yet?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): As a supplementary question, based on the remarks of the minister's predecessor, who last Sunday evening asked that the Prime Minister and other members of his cabinet be a little more specific, could the Minister of Finance indicate when he expects to receive that report, which was due some time in January?

Mr. Sharp: As soon as it is prepared, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): As a further supplementary question, how long does it take to dot an "i" and cross a "t"?

INDIAN AFFAIRS

MANITOBA—COURT DECISION RESPECTING HUNTING RIGHTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources in his capacity as superintendent general of Indian affairs. In view of the report that the Manitoba Court of Appeal has ruled that Indians in the province lost their right to hunt migratory birds out of season with the introduction of the Migratory Birds Convention Act, will the minister assure the house that his department will be prepared to pay the expenses of those so convicted if they desire to take their case to the Supreme Court of Canada?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this question as notice.

POWER

REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF NATIONAL GRID STUDY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Ou'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the