

Oral Questions

member for Fundy-Royal will be recognized for a supplementary to a previous question.

Mr. Grier: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the minister if he will consult with his colleague, the minister responsible for multiculturalism, with a view to advising the House if the M. Haidasz in question is now being employed either by the recently formed advertising firm Outreach, or by the company Bomac Batten, which has received a subcontract from Outreach.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member can put that question on the order paper and, if it is important or there is urgency in the opinion of the hon. member in asking the question, it can be considered at the time of adjournment.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL COUNSEL FROM HEARING OF INDIAN LAND CLAIMS BY MR. JUSTICE MORROW—ASSISTANCE TO COUNSEL APPOINTED BY COURT

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, I should like to pursue the question originally asked by my colleague, the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands. Did the minister say that Mr. Dietrich Brand would not get help as the court appointed official to support the interests of the Department of Justice? What is the explanation for the precipitant withdrawal of the Department of Justice lawyers from this case?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I think my exact answer was that I did not see our role in that connection. I think they were my words when answering the hon. member.

Mr. Fairweather: But will you help?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, indeed, I am not aware of any request for any assistance, and as I say, I am not sure I see the exact perspective in which such a request would be made. As far as the so-called precipitate withdrawal, I indicated in the House, in answer to a question the other day that it is not a matter of our having withdrawn from the case, but simply of our having nothing more to say in the matter until the matter is ready for judgment. Accordingly, we do not see any need or point in having an agent present in court in the interim period.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Bellechasse, then the hon. member for Lethbridge and call orders of the day.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—INCREASES IN COST OF PRODUCTION—REQUEST FOR HIGHER GRANTS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

In view of the constant rise in milk production costs, due to the rising cost of feed grain and other high-protein feeds, which is further tightening the cost-price squeeze, will the minister soon be authorizing any appreciable increase in grants for industrial milk production, as well as a reduction of export reserves, so that industrial milk producers can take advantage of increased revenues which might make it possible for them to continue in business?

[English]

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, as I said to the hon. member some time ago, we are studying this situation. We have received further representations from the dairy farmers of Canada as late as today and I am not prepared to say what I am going to recommend, or if I am going to recommend anything at this time.

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ROYAL VISIT

REASON FOR FAILURE TO INVITE MEMBER TO EVENTS CONNECTED WITH ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CENTENARY

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister, and I have given the right hon. gentleman notice of this question, why the member of parliament representing the first home of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alberta, and I refer respectfully to myself and Fort McLeod, was not invited to attend the events in connection with the important RCMP centenary last week. I ask this, Mr. Speaker, because I think the royal visit should be above partisan politics.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member did send a copy of his question across the floor today during the question period, but I was not able to ascertain from my office whether we were involved in several of these events. There were many events in Alberta. Just to name a few, there was the Stampede, the Flare Square event, the dinner or lunch, and the parade. I would say that I was not personally invited to some of these events, and I did not make a great issue of it. I do know, and the hon. member recognizes this, that he was at the Flare Square ceremony because we had occasion to speak to each other there. Why he was not invited to the luncheon, to the civic luncheon or to the Stampede is something over which I have no control. I will see from whom these invitations were issued. I would suspect that the civic luncheon invitations were sent by the civic authorities. The only event over which I had control, Mr. Speaker, was the Queen's dinner. I did try to