

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Hales: A supplementary question to the Minister. The minister has stated there is a difference of approximately \$100, taking into consideration the factors he mentioned. I should like to ask him why there is not complete parity.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, one of the purposes of the pact is to achieve that.

AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR TASK FORCE REPORT
FOLLOWING CONGRESS MEETING**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Agriculture. Now that the Congress on Agriculture is over, can the minister tell us when we may expect the final report of the task force?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I think the task force itself indicated at the congress that it hoped to have the report ready by the end of this year. If I may, I would like to advise hon. members that I still have a few of the papers and documents prepared for the congress, and if any hon. member would like them and would send my office a request we would be glad to send him a copy. I think, however, I can wait only a few more days because there are agricultural schools and universities that would like to have the copies that we have left.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate whether there will be tabled in the house or presented to the agricultural committee some form of report from the congress, so we may know the views of the 400 people who conferred on the report of the task force?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, a summary of the discussion at the congress will be prepared and distributed to interested parties and observers, which includes all the members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture of this house. If any other member would like to have it and if he would advise my office we will see that he gets it.

FARM MACHINERY**ACTION FOLLOWING FINDINGS OF PRICE
DIFFERENTIALS**

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, since the commission on farm machinery [Mr. Pepin.]

prices presented a study paper to the Congress on Agriculture, can the minister say whether his department is conducting any discussions with a view to taking follow-up action based on the commission's findings which show price differentials of many hundreds of dollars?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker. What is more, Dr. Barber of that commission has indicated to me that he will have a further paper for me within a very few days taking into account the different pricing practices, if I may call them that, in many places in addition to the difference between those practices in England and Canada. In fairness to the commission and to the farming industry, before we proceed I think we should wait the extra time it may take for the submission of the report encompassing all these pricing practices.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**INQUIRY AS TO RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON
BILL**

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister advise the house whether the Minister of Justice and other government officials have completed consultations with those premiers and attorneys general of the provinces that have found the official languages bill unacceptable? If so, can the Prime Minister advise when the house may expect to resume debate on the official languages bill?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice has, I believe, met with the attorney general of each province. He has advised me of the results of those meetings. It appears that certain amendments are desired by some of the provinces if they do not take this bill to the Supreme Court. We are considering these amendments now with the minister and the Secretary of State. Once cabinet has decided whether it will accept these amendments, they will either be brought into the house or we will proceed with the bill as it stands.

Mr. Alexander: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Prime Minister be so bold as to indicate which sections of the present bill the premiers and attorneys general have found unacceptable?

Mr. Trudeau: No, I would not be that bold, Mr. Speaker.