

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TRANSPORT****FENCING OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): A supplementary to the Minister without Portfolio. Is the government considering amending Section 277 of the Railway Act to compel the railways to fence rights-of-way in densely populated areas?

Hon. James Richardson (Acting Minister of Housing): Mr. Speaker, this is a matter that has been given careful consideration, but there is no plan at the present time to change the act in that respect.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**INQUIRY AS TO PERSONS INCARCERATED**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Solicitor General. When the minister said the other night that there were no more in jail in Canada in the last five years, did he mean because there were fewer crimes or because there were more criminals getting away?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member the question should not be asked.

Mr. Bell: May I rephrase my question and ask the Prime Minister in this regard if he noticed in the paper at some time that the Solicitor General, after for 30 years threatening to retire, stated that he definitely would not be retiring? If so, what is the Prime Minister going to do about this?

AGRICULTURE**HOGS—ALLEGED DISSATISFACTION WITH QUALITY PREMIUMS**

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. I have been wanting to ask the minister this question for a number of days, but because of the roster system I have not been able to do so. In view of the widespread dissatisfaction with the new quality premium being paid on hogs, was there any discussion between the federal government and the Canadian Swine Council before the recently announced alterations in policy on hog quality premiums were made?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I would like to advise the hon. member that I [Mr. Nesbitt.]

was in the house yesterday and he could have asked the question then. I would also like to advise him there was a great deal of discussion with the Canadian Swine Council and other people who were interested in the new grading system for hogs. Obviously the government has to assume the responsibility for the amount and level of subsidies paid on hogs or for any other purpose. While there was consultation with regard to changing the incentives paid through the marketplace respecting hogs, and this grading system, we have to accept the responsibility for the level paid out of the treasury.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I have a statement from the Canadian Swine Council which states they never had any discussions—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should ask the question.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): In view of the fact the Canadian Swine Council stated that no prior discussions took place, has there been any discussion with that body since the new policy was announced?

Mr. Olson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a supplementary question. Is the minister not aware that the removal of this quality premium will greatly reduce the production of first quality hogs in Canada? This will also very adversely affect our export trade.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FLOODS**TRAIL, B.C.—ACTION TO CONTROL EMERGENCY SITUATION**

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the major flood disaster at the City of Trail which resulted in several million dollars worth of damage to municipal and private property and in view of the establishment of the joint disaster fund to assist in rehabilitating the damaged area, will the Prime Minister indicate to the house what assistance the government will contribute to this joint disaster fund, and on what basis?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary asked a similar question yesterday.