

*Trade with Caribbean Federation*

bean federation. If I could have permission to have the table included as part of my remarks, I could move along much faster and allow someone else to participate in this discussion.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten):** Does the house give consent to the incorporation of this table in the remarks of the hon. gentleman?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Editor's note: The table above referred to is as follows:*]

Canadian Trade with the Caribbean			
Exports			
	1958	1963	
	\$ million		
(1) Canadian exports to the Caribbean	155.2	193.2	
(2) Canadian exports to the commonwealth Caribbean	46.1	68.2	
Of which to the proposed eastern Caribbean federation	8.5	12.1	=6.2%
(3) Principal exports to the commonwealth Caribbean: wheat flour, fish, meats, motor vehicles and parts, lumber, newsprint and cotton fabrics.			
Imports			
	1958	1963	
(1) Canadian imports from the Caribbean	335.5	347.5	
(2) Canadian imports from the commonwealth Caribbean	64.4	83.1	
Of which from the proposed eastern Caribbean federation	5.5	4.9	=1.3%
(3) Principal imports from the commonwealth Caribbean: bauxite, alumina, raw sugar, molasses, crude petroleum, fuel oils, rum, cocoa butter and cocoa beans.			
Of which the eastern Caribbean federation supplied: sugar, molasses and rum.			
Even if free trade is not possible, if free trade cannot be established between our coun-			
[Mr. Mullally.]			

try and the West Indies or the proposed federation, I think we should make every effort, should give every attention, to the development of greater trade between Canada and the West Indies generally. Other members who have preceded me in this discussion have spent considerable time speaking of the great need for Canada's participation in, and more generous assistance of, the economic expansion of this area. I feel we should make a determined effort to develop the economy of these islands. We should give every assistance we can to raising the standards of living and providing more sources of employment for the people in this part of the western hemisphere. We should also take a more active part in the substantial movement towards assisting in the establishment of new industries in the West Indies and in the area of the proposed federation.

I should like to close my remarks by saying that I strongly support the proposition put forward by the hon. member for Queens (Mr. Macquarrie). Although I feel it has been restricted somewhat by limiting it to a certain area, I think the hon. member is to be commended for bringing this important matter to the attention of the house. I am sure he has the support of everybody on this side of the house.

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to support the motion put forward by the hon. member for Queens (Mr. Macquarrie) suggesting free trade between Canada and certain of the West Indies islands. This has been a favourite subject of many of us on both sides of the house for some time. I have spoken about it on numerous occasions both inside and outside this house. I understand there are some other members who want to take part in the debate, so I am going to be brief.

We were encouraged by an answer to a question given by the minister of external affairs the other day, as recorded on page 3402 of *Hansard*. I asked whether or not consideration was being given by this government to participating in a large scale, top level conference that was suggested by the prime minister of Trinidad to be held later this year concerning closer ties with Canada. This conference would, of course, encompass the matter of trade. While the minister of external affairs was quite loquacious, there was an element of hope in his answer that the government would be moving on this matter. I think it is a timely topic and something should be done about it.