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AGRICULTURE

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BY PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture a question.

Since he announced some time ago a conference on agriculture to which provincial ministers would participate, could he indicate the main subjects to be discussed at the conference?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I would be happy to provide hon. members of this house and in particular members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture with copies of the proposed agenda.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): A supplementary question. Would the report on the cost of farm machinery be ready for this conference?

Mr. Olson: I have asked the commissioner to prepare a position paper, or we may call it an interim report, to serve as at least a basis on which the discussion can begin on that particular subject.

COMMUNICATIONS

UNITED NATIONS REPORT ON SATELLITE BROADCASTING

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I should like to direct a question to the appropriate minister. Will he give consideration to making available, through tabling or otherwise, the report on satellite broadcasting prepared by Canadian and Swedish scientists for the United Nations committee on outer space?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): That was a joint report, Mr. Speaker, prepared by Sweden and Canada for submission to a special council of the United Nations. I will discuss with my colleagues the release of that report to the house.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DEPARTMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I would like to ask the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development whether he can now give the house definite assurance with regard to the day on which the bill will be introduced respecting his new department? Is he able to give us any firm assurance in regard to time?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Perhaps I can deal with that, Mr. Speaker. Notice will be given today for the introduction of the government reorganization bill. We expect it will be given first reading on Monday.

RESEARCH

RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): A question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Last Thursday the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce announced the house would have an opportunity to discuss science policy when the reorganization bill for his department is introduced. Would the Prime Minister assure the house that either in that bill or by some other means there will be a minister responsible for the co-operation of the total government scientific program?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): There is a minister responsible for that co-ordination, Mr. Speaker. It is the President of the Treasury Board. I have indicated that the government is considering making certain changes in that area, but this policy has not yet been approved by the cabinet. Therefore I cannot say when it will be brought before the house.

[Translation]

NATIONAL PARKS

QUEBEC—ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS IN THE PROVINCE

Mr. André Fortin (Loibinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

As it seems that consultations and federal government offers to Quebec are at a standstill since October 29, 1968, would the minister find it appropriate to ask provincial representatives to come and discuss the matter in order to find a solution?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I take the hon. member's question as notice.

[English]

Mr. Jean R. Roy (Timmins): Mr. Speaker, will the Leader of the Opposition now agree with that old Liberal, Mr. Robarts, that our Prime Minister will be a very good Prime Minister?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order.