

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I should be glad to ask a related question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Acting House Leader state the reason for the delay in implementing this report?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I would have to be in touch with "the real thing" for that answer.

[Translation]

VIOLENT DISTURBANCES

MONTREAL—BOMB EXPLOSIONS—ASSISTANCE FROM ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Prime Minister concerning terrorist bombings in Montreal over the week-end.

Does his government intend to supply help to the social action groups in the city of Montreal, in order that the social up-grading of the people be achieved in peace and not in disorder, as at the present time? Moreover, would the Prime Minister be prepared to request the Solicitor General to establish a special RCMP service to assist the Quebec authorities, considering the uncertainty and the anxiety now existing in Montreal?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, those services are always available to legitimate authorities who seek to use them. Should the Quebec government effectively request our co-operation in this field, we are in a position to give it, but it might be useful to add that exchanges of information and meetings are continually taking place between the RCMP and the other police forces in Canada, including those of Montreal and of the province of Quebec.

[English]

FINANCE

AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS—INCOME RESTRAINT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): My question is for the Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker. I understand the minister is meeting with the Ministers of Finance of the provinces in Winnipeg this weekend. I should like to ask the minister whether it is possible for him to reveal what items will be on the agenda for that meeting?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should be very pleased to do that tomorrow. I would not want to misquote the agenda.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister if it is his intention to ask the provincial governments to co-operate with the federal government in imposing restraint on wages and salaries, and if it is the government's intention in that case to cover the entire field of other incomes, particularly profits, interest, rents and prices?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I had not thought of making that request of the provinces.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

QUEBEC—CONSTITUTIONALITY OF EGG MARKETING BOARD

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture.

Were the government or the Minister of Agriculture consulted before the province of Quebec set up the Egg Marketing Board.

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we have not been consulted with respect to setting up an egg marketing board within the confines of the province of Quebec, but we have a very keen interest in co-ordinating this with marketing agencies in other provinces and in that respect we have had many discussions with the government.

Mr. Baldwin: Harold Wilson is interested in eggs.

[Translation]

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary.

Is it correct that the Canadian government intends to question the validity of that board on the grounds that it interferes with free trade between the provinces?

Mr. Speaker: The question as asked is out of order.

I think that the hon. member for Joliette wishes to ask a supplementary.

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether he has received representations from the Ontario and Manitoba authorities in connection with the unconstitutional status of Quebec's central egg marketing board, and if he intends to ask the province of Quebec to give up that board in order that it be replaced by a federal board?