

HOUSING

C.M.H.C.—CRITERIA APPLICABLE IN PROJECTS

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Transport in his capacity as the minister responsible for housing. It arises from answers he gave on Monday and the possible impression he left that before he could fulfil his pledge to the municipalities of Canada to provide them with public housing guidelines he would have to visit eight or ten of the most urgent urban renewal projects. Can the minister now say whether the drafting and presentation of these guidelines are not dependent on any tour?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, if I said that I am sure I would be accused of having made up my mind before visiting the actual sites. Naturally we are giving consideration to the various alternatives open to us, to the options open to us and to the way each of them would work. But the final decision will have to wait until I have visited some of the centres I have mentioned. I hope to do that in mid-week following Easter. I hope to be in a position to make an announcement very shortly thereafter.

Mr. Alexander: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister forget that he advised the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants approximately one week ago that he would have this information within a few days?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

AGRICULTURE

CUCUMBERS AND TOMATOES—ACTION TO STABILIZE PRICES

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. I am sure the minister is aware that the recently imposed seasonal tariffs on cucumbers and tomatoes are not, according to the industry, providing the relief they were intended to and are lower than the industry advised they ought to be. Could the minister inform the house what emergency measures, if any, the government is implementing to stabilize the present distressed domestic market for Canadian produced cucumbers and tomatoes so that these products can be sold at prices that are at least above the basic cost of production?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the so-called basic cost of production is not an exact calculation but includes a number of items which are matters of opinion. However, we are aware that there is an increased importation of tomatoes and cucumbers at somewhat lower prices than prevailed one year ago. Discussions are going on among my department, the Department of Finance and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to see what can be done to be helpful in resolving this problem.

HOGS—OBJECTIONS TO INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, my question has nothing to do with tomatoes and cucumbers but has to do with pork. Would the Minister of Agriculture indicate, in view of his announcement yesterday regarding the recent amendment affecting the hog production program, whether he has received representations from producer organizations objecting to his latest move in this field?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I cannot recall having received any mail, telegram or telex communication on this matter. However, representations were made to me by the leaders in the swine industry at the agricultural congress.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

NATIONAL SECURITY

PUBLICATION OF PORTIONS OF REPORT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Some time ago the Royal Commission on Security issued a report. I understand the Prime Minister said that an effort would be made to segregate parts of the report that were not classified and to publish those parts. Is that still the intention of the government? If so, how soon may we expect to see this partial report?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, that is still the intention. The question of the date has not yet been settled.

LABOUR RELATIONS

MONTREAL—DISPUTE BETWEEN SHIPPING FEDERATION AND LONGSHOREMEN

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Before we adjourn