

CROWN COPYRIGHT—REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY GOVERNMENT

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister and it refers to government policy for distributing documents. In the United States every document is public property and can be distributed. In Canada we have Crown copyright, which is quite proper. Documents come out in this form and are very rarely distributed in this way. In the United Kingdom there is a sort of a middle road where there is Crown copyright but through a government circular some documents are made available to be published like this.

I hesitate to use the words, but in the interests of "participatory democracy", which some people may still believe in, is the Prime Minister prepared to commit the government at least to reviewing the nature of publishing documents and government reports so that they can get out to the people who can read, in this case about the workings of the oil monopoly in Canada? They would become better informed citizens and would be able to deal with these problems.

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): Madam Speaker, I want to advise the hon. gentleman that the policy he has described is exactly that which I follow. I enter into negotiations on a regular basis, a bona fide basis, and I do grant the copyright at any time there is justification. The purpose of the policy that I follow is to make available to as many Canadians as possible the information they ought to have. In effect that is why the report is available both in summary and in complete form. As for negotiations, anyone who wants to deal with me in good faith, Madam Speaker, can rest assured that I will deal with him in good faith.

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AGRICULTURE

GOVERNMENT POLICY—ROLE OF MARKETING AGENCIES

Mr. Marcel Dionne (Chicoutimi): Madam Speaker, I have read the report of the Economic Council of Canada and despite what the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) may say, the council does indeed recognize marketing boards and the role they play in marketing Canadian farm products. However, it does express reservations about the Canadian dairy policy by saying that the control exercised by the Canadian Dairy Commission could result in an increase in the supply of milk at the consumer level. Could the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture tell us whether he agrees with this?

Mr. Marcel Ostiguy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Madam Speaker, it is difficult to comment on this because the dairy policy is under review at present and will be announced in early August. However, I want to point out to the House that Canada's dairy policy is not more of a burden on Canadian taxpayers and consumers than the Ameri-

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can dairy policy and it is certainly much less so than that of the European Economic Community.

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POST OFFICE

SERVICE TO CALGARY SUBURBS

Mr. John Kushner (Calgary East): Madam Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Postmaster General. I have asked this question on many occasions. I see the minister is not in his place so I wonder if the acting minister would answer. My question refers to the group boxes to be installed at Whitehorn, Temple, Falconridge and Castleridge. It was promised that they would be installed shortly, but we have been dealing with this problem for the last two years. Has the acting minister got any additional information about when they will be installed and when mail delivery will be made to those boxes?

Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General): Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his question. I take it as a two-part question. First of all, he is concerned about group boxes in certain Calgary suburbs. According to the information provided to me, Canada Post is providing service within the capability of the staff available. The equipment necessary for the provision of group box service to these areas is now in place. I can assure the hon. member that the group box service is temporary and letter carrier service will be extended to the suburbs of Calgary when manpower becomes available, either by the lifting of constraints or by a realignment of operations or new efficiencies introduced by the Post Office.

DOOR TO DOOR MAIL DELIVERY

Mr. John Kushner (Calgary East): Madam Speaker, I should like to ask the acting minister if he is in a position to inform this House of the situation today. As he knows very well, numerous studies have been made on the subject of mail delivery in that area. For the last two years we have been promised, month after month, that we would have an answer. As a matter of fact this has been studied to death. Can the acting minister at least give us some indication of when mail delivery will be made from door to door?

Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General): Madam Speaker, due to the growth in the suburbs of Calgary because of the great growth in the economy of Alberta, it is very difficult to give a date because we are under manpower restraints and Calgary is so successful in its economic development. We will endeavour to give the hon. member a date as soon as possible.