

*Inquiries of the Ministry*ALLEGED TRAFFICKING IN INDUSTRIAL MILK QUOTAS—
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture which is based on a written question concerning trafficking in industrial milk quotas in this country. It was placed on the order paper some time ago but the minister has refused to provide this information. Will he undertake to provide the information I asked for at that time concerning the trafficking in industrial milk quotas? Will he produce the information I requested?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in the question asked by the hon. member he wanted a list of all the people within the electronic files where transfers of quotas had taken place. This would require something like 700 hours of work, and I am not willing to undertake that job at that cost.

Mr. Nesbitt: That is not the reason the minister gave at the time. He keeps giving different reasons. I would suggest that at ten o'clock—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether the hon. member would ask his supplementary question.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, I would request that Your Honour put this on the late show at ten o'clock.

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CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

FILLING OF POSITION OF PRESIDENT

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Could he advise the House of the success he has made in persuading someone to accept the presidency of the Canada Development Corporation?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, it is not a matter of persuading people. We cannot appoint a head of a corporation that has not yet been approved by Parliament.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, some time ago the minister said he expected to be able to make an announcement soon. I ask him whether his confidence in this regard is due to the fact that he has given serious consideration to following the example set by his former colleague, the minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question relates to a bill that is now before the House and is not in order.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker: I gather the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings wishes to rephrase his supplementary question.

[Mr. Olson.]

Mr. Hees: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I will make the question very simple. Is the minister holding off the making of this announcement because he is giving serious consideration to following the example of his former colleague and appointing himself?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, is the minister going to—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would ask for the hon. member's co-operation. He has asked a question which I think the minister should not be allowed to answer. Perhaps the hon. member might ask this question when we resume consideration of the bill to which this matter has reference.

Mr. Hees: I would ask him whether he is considering appointing himself as president of the corporation—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Is the minister rising on a question of privilege? If so, I hope it will be different from the one raised by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings. As all hon. members know, only a limited period of time is available to hon. members during the question period, and if we spend it on questions of privilege, legitimate or otherwise, hon. members who have legitimate questions to ask will be penalized. I really think we should go on to the next question.

Mr. Benson: I agree, Mr. Speaker.

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INDUSTRY

IMPORTATION OF BAUXITE FROM GUYANA BY ALCAN

Mr. Paul Langlois (Chicoutimi): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

In view of the announcement by the Prime Minister of Guyana of the nationalization of bauxite industries, can the minister assure the Canadian people, and particularly those employed in the aluminum industry of the Saguenay-Lake-St. John region, that the supply of bauxite from Guyana will be maintained at its present level for Arvida plants?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, Alcan have assured us that their operations in Canada would not be affected by recent developments in Guyana, particularly concerning supplies of raw materials.