

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, will the minister advise the House why the federal government has refrained from making payments under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act which is now on the statute books as Canadian law under which the payment of \$61 million was to be made to Canadian farmers?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has asked the question. Perhaps the minister might want to answer it now.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As was indicated to the House last October, it was the belief of the government it was a much better form to make payments directly to farmers of the \$100 million rather than make payments under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act to the Wheat Board in connection with the storage of grain. This policy was discussed with the producers and was laid before the House in the form of legislation. When that legislation is passed by the House the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act will be repealed effective July 31, 1970. In these circumstances any amounts paid under that act would have to be repaid by the recipients.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We should give an opportunity to other members to ask questions. Perhaps we can return to the hon. member in a short while. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

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CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. As he advised the House in June that he was simply waiting for passage of the legislation before announcing the names of the president and general manager of the Canada Development Corporation, I should like to ask now whether these appointments have been made and when the names of these two gentlemen will be announced?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Very soon, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, as this legislation was rushed through the House as a matter of great urgency, I should like to ask the minister to be a little more explicit and tell us when this announcement will be made, if he has made the appointments?

Mr. Benson: Very soon, Mr. Speaker, and we are not considering the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Mr. Speaker.]

INCOME TAX**EFFECT OF PROVISIONS IN BILL RESPECTING CO-OPERATIVES—INQUIRY AS TO CHANGES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS**

Mr. A. C. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, in light of the deep, nationwide concern of the co-operative organizations that certain tax reforms suggested in the income tax bill will destroy the present goals and practices of Canadian co-operative organizations, will the Minister of Finance inform the House whether these proposals in the bill are going to be amended and, if so, when will the changes be made public?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I have met with representatives of the co-operative movement and their representations with regard to the legislation are presently being considered by the government.

Mr. Cadieu: Is the minister prepared to meet with the co-operative organizations and hear further briefs from them on the proposed tax reforms and, if so, is such an invitation going to be issued?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend is a little late. I met with the national co-operative organizations a month ago.

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POLLUTION**NORTHERN CANADA—RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS TO CLEAN UP UPON COMPLETION OF JOBS**

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of the Environment. I assure you, Sir, that my question has nothing to do with the atmosphere in the House of Commons. In view of a survey report on pollution conditions in the Canadian north, is the government considering acceptance of the recommendation of the commander of the Edmonton air force reserve, who undertook the survey, that in future contractors be held responsible for clean-up upon completion of any job they do?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Environment): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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NATIONAL SECURITY**CIVILIAN SECURITY FORCE—POSITION TAKEN BY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question as it is under his jurisdiction, I believe, so far as the security aspect is concerned. As the Solicitor General has said that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are unprepared to analyse reports on security, did the government discuss with the Commissioner of the RCMP and others the independent force and the situation in respect of security and did the Commissioner agree with that statement of the Solicitor General?