

Inquiries of the Ministry

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NATIONAL SECURITY**WAR MEASURES ACT—PAYMENT BY QUEBEC FOR SERVICES OF ARMED FORCES**

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

With reference to the statement made last Sunday by the premier of Quebec that he expected the province would have to pay between \$200,000 and \$300,000 for the costs of the Armed Forces services in Quebec during the October crisis, I should like to know if the Prime Minister agrees with this statement.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I was not aware of this statement, Mr. Speaker. I shall check and see if that statement was made following our conversations on the subject.

[English]

REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ORDER (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT BY PERMANENT STATUTE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): I have a supplementary in relation to the question I directed to the Prime Minister yesterday on this subject. I now ask the Prime Minister to state categorically if it is the intention of the government to have a permanent act at the end of April this year to replace the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act now in effect?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this has nothing whatsoever to do with the question just asked. The question which was asked yesterday I answered yesterday.

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, I asked a simple question. Will the Prime Minister give a simple answer or is he afraid to do so?

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AGRICULTURE**EXPORT OF BROILER CHICKENS—ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERER**

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia): Can the minister report today on who was the successful bidder on the tenders for a large quantity of broilers for export, which tenders were to have been opened yesterday?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The successful bidder was—I am trying to find the exact name.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Olson: The successful tenderer was a group in the province of Quebec who put together the surplus broilers they had in storage and submitted one tender. If the hon.

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member will give me about two minutes I will find the exact name of the group.

Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia): On a point of order, the noise from the other side of the chamber would indicate that members opposite thought I had arranged to ask this question. I did not, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I will assist the minister by stating as a preamble to my question that the successful tender was submitted by Quebec Poultry Processors Incorporated of Montreal. I wish to ask the minister whether he does not think it is ironic that the successful tenderer was the leading figure in creating the broiler surplus in the first place?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the question as asked is in order. It seems to be highly argumentative.

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FAMILY ALLOWANCES**REVISION OF POLICY OUTLINED IN WHITE PAPER ON INCOME SECURITY**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): My question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare on Saturday that it is his intention to find a more equitable scheme for allotting family allowance than the one outlined in the white paper on income security, will the Prime Minister tell the House whether the minister was expressing a new government policy and whether the family allowance policy stated in the white paper is going to be revised?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Marshall: Since unemployment is swelling welfare costs, will the Prime Minister direct that the date of the federal-provincial conference to be held in June be brought forward so that the present suffering of the poor can be alleviated?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I do not direct to bring dates forward. I consult with the provinces on such matters.

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TRANSPORT**INCREASE IN RAILWAY FREIGHT RATE ON CREAM CANS**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): My question is for the Minister of Transport. Does the minister intend to allow the railways to increase their tariffs on March 1 on