

Inquiries of the Ministry

making in his plan to transfer the Royal Canadian Mint to the province of Manitoba?

Hon. James A. Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): We are now at the stage of engineering and design studies; there has been no serious consideration of site location.

Mr. Dinsdale: In the quaint language used by the government, is it safe to say the matter is under active consideration?

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GRAIN**WHEAT—REACHING OF FOUR-BUSHEL QUOTA**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I have a question to ask the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. In line with predictions which were made earlier, and because there seems to be some space at the terminals without a corresponding increase in quotas at country elevator points, is the minister still hopeful that a four-bushel quota will be reached by the end of this year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I am not sure whether any very precise predictions were made as to when a specific quota would be reached. But there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that an eight-bushel quota will be achieved in the course of the crop year.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**PROGRAM FAVOURING LIBERALIZATION OF ABORTION LAW—PROVISION OF EQUAL TIME FOR THOSE OPPOSED**

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): My question is directed to the minister answering for the Secretary of State. In view of the bias displayed on a CBC program last Sunday night in favour of further liberalization of the law on abortion and, more particularly, in view of the CBC's announced intention to broadcast the results of a public opinion survey on this issue, may I ask whether those who oppose further liberalization of the law will be afforded equal prime viewing time on a Sunday, to express their views?

[Translation]

Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): I take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): In keeping with Grey Cup tradition, we on this side of the House wish the Prime Minister well as he kicks off tomorrow.

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Paproski: I realize that the Prime Minister has hardly ever been wrong during his tenure of office—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I realize the hon. member is referring to an important occasion, but he cannot make a speech. He should ask a question.

Mr. Paproski: It is my understanding that the right hon. gentleman has picked his home-town team to win. I wager him one dollar that he will be wrong, and I ask you, Mr. Speaker, to book the bet.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**STUDY OF UNION OF MARITIME PROVINCES—REQUEST FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT**

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Having regard to the fact that within half an hour the report on the study of maritime union will be tabled in Charlottetown in the presence of the three maritime premiers, would the Prime Minister or the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion make a statement later this day to the House on the basis that the federal government has participated in the preparation of this report and will of necessity have great responsibility with regard to its potential implications application?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): That would not be our intention. As the hon. member knows, the report is to the maritime governments. We shall expect them to study and analyse it and perhaps make their position known with regard to it. If the federal government is requested by them to assist in any way or to express its opinion in due course, we will certainly consider such a request favourably.

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POWER**SKAGIT RIVER—POSSIBLE FLOODING OF VALLEY—DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES**

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): My question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I wish to ask him whether, in the recent talks between Canada and the United States at the ministerial level, any discussion took place which might lead to the abandonment on the United States side of the proposal to flood the Skagit Valley in Canada for the purpose of power development? In any event, can the minister indicate what position the Canadian government is taking in the negotiations with the United States in line with questions asked by some of my hon. friends as reported in *Hansard* at page 1311, which might be directed to the minister now since he is in his place.