

Questions

functions, and my opinion is shared by the farmers.

The question I should like to put to the minister follows upon a statement made yesterday by one of the advisers of the Canadian Dairy Commission before the committee on agriculture, forestry and rural development suggesting the possibility of a change in quotas in the implementation of the dairy policy. Will this change be announced shortly?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the dairy commission announced two or three weeks ago that it was authorized to modify the quotas and I think that the commission is giving new quotas every day to dairy producers. In fact, I hope it will continue to make these changes and give the producers the quotas they desire.

[English]

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, I realize it is the intention of the house to proceed to the consideration of the first item in the estimates of the Department of Trade and Commerce. However, if there is agreement in the house, I suggest we now suspend sitting until we are called to the other place.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that this sitting be suspended until the call of the Chair, which will be signified by the ringing of the bell?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

SITTING SUSPENDED

SITTING RESUMED

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION FROM
BOTSWANA

Mr. Speaker: I understand there is to be a suggestion that we revert to motions, but before I recognize the member who wants to make this motion perhaps I might be allowed to bring to the attention of the house a letter I have received from the Speaker of the Botswana National Assembly. It reads as follows:

On behalf of the National Assembly of Botswana I desire to send to you and through you to the Canadian House of Commons the very sincere congratulations of this Assembly on the occasion of Canada's centenary. We are still only one year old and we derive inspiration and hope for our

[Mr. Choquette.]

future from the progress made by countries such as yours which have in so short a history become world leaders.

May God continue to guide and bless your parliament and country.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. Merriweather.

Speaker, Botswana National Assembly.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[Translation]

QUESTIONS

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, since we are adjourning until September 25 in a few minutes and as several members would like answers to questions they placed on the order paper, with the unanimous consent of the house, we would be ready to provide answers to 24 questions.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Béchard: Mr. Speaker, the following questions are being answered today: 20, 51, 127, 164, 193, 198, 200, 218, 231, 233, 245, 246, 270, 288, 290, 297, 300 and 318.

If questions Nos. 86, 187, 208, 222, 241 and 265 could be made orders for returns, such returns would be tabled immediately.

I ask, sir, that the remaining 73 questions be allowed to stand.

[English]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CANADIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION

Question No. 20—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Has the government received any representations from (a) the Canadian Bar Association (b) other organizations or persons, advocating the establishment of a Canadian law reform commission?

2. If so, what consideration has been given to such representations?

3. If the answer to part 1 (b) is yes, from what organizations or persons?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice):

1. The government has received representations on this matter from the Canadian Bar Association, based on a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association (1966). Other representations have also been made.

2. The problems involved in establishing a Canadian law reform commission have been under study in the Department of Justice, but to date no formal recommendation has been made to the government.