

## Oral Questions

[English]

## TRADE

## JAPAN—GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF CANADIAN MANUFACTURED GOODS EXPORTED

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In his recent talks with Prime Minister Tanaka of Japan was he able to persuade that gentleman to allow Canada to increase the proportion of its exports to Japan which are manufactured products from the present 1.7 per cent of the total, bearing in mind that more than 70 per cent of Japan's exports to Canada are fully manufactured products and that these, as he knows, are the products which give rise to employment?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** This is the very essence of a part of our discussions. It is a matter which causes us concern and one which brought this meeting into being. It will be a continuing theme of the discussions between us. Of course, neither the government of Canada nor the government of Japan directly controls all the enterprises within their respective countries and it would be a matter of ensuring that the trade and investment pattern goes in the desired direction. This can only be done by continuous exchanges between the governments, particularly between the ministers of trade and commerce in the two countries.

**Mr. Hees:** The Prime Minister refuses to answer my question, and it is obvious that nothing has been done in this regard. May I ask him, then, how long is it the intention of the government that Canada should remain a mere hewer of wood and producer of iron ore to feed Japanese factories instead of getting a fair exchange of the trade in fully manufactured products between the two countries?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Unfortunately, I do not seem to be able to give replies which are satisfactory to the hon. member. I shall attempt to reply to the second question—how long we are to remain hewers of wood. The view of this party is that we are not hewers of wood. That is the view of the hon. gentleman's party, not of ours.

**Mr. Hees:** When only 1.7 per cent of our exports is in the form of manufactured products?

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[Translation]

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

## INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED IRREGULAR ACTIONS BY MEMBERS OF FORCE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Solicitor General.

Owing to the compromising or at least strongly questionable dealings of some members of the RCMP for some time, can the minister tell us whether he has ordered an inquiry in this connection and what steps he intends to take?

[Mr. Marchand (Minister of Transport).]

[English]

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** It is difficult to know exactly what incidents the hon. member has in mind. We instituted an inquiry on two matters during the summer. We set up a commission under Justice Marin of the Law Reform Commission to investigate the procedures followed by the RCMP in disciplining members of the force and, in the course of the same inquiry, we are looking into the procedures under which complaints are received from the public and dealt with.

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[Translation]

**Mr. Matte:** I should like to put a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

In order to inform adequately the people due to the fact that a member of the special antimob squad seems to be responsible for setting a bomb, will the minister undertake a thorough inquiry to discover to what extent the members of the RCMP have acted as agents provocateurs not only in the underworld but more especially within the FLQ from 1963 to 1970?

[English]

**Mr. Allmand:** Mr. Speaker, it is completely against RCMP policy to have its members act as agents provocateurs. In the case referred to by the hon. member the man was dismissed from the force on five different counts. He had the opportunity to appeal his dismissal but did not take advantage of that opportunity within the time allowed.

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## TRANSPORT

## GOVERNMENT POLICY ON BRANCH LINE ABANDONMENT AND EXPIRATION OF FREEZE ON FREIGHT RATES

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as the reference to transportation in the Throne Speech is somewhat vague and broad, I should like to ask what the intention of the government is in respect of future branch line abandonments since the freeze in this regard will expire at the end of this year? Arising from the fact that the across the board freeze on freight rates will also expire soon, is the government establishing any guidelines or have there been any discussions going on with the railway companies for the establishment of fair guidelines in order that the fantastic rate increases predicted will be somewhat tempered?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure but I think it is public knowledge that I will be meeting with the western transportation ministers about October 20 and that these two subjects will be on the agenda. Before making any report to Cabinet I would like to have the opportunity of discussing this with the western ministers in order that we might know exactly what we are going to do in this regard.