

op a program for the purpose of helping farmers to produce more milk?

[English]

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, and some very constructive actions were taken by the dairy industry itself and a number of the provincial marketing agencies related to that industry within the last few days. I am not persuaded that there is going to be a shortage of milk or milk products in Canada for a very long time, and perhaps not at all.

[Translation]

**Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

In view of this threat, would the minister not consider immediately ceasing "penalizing" those farmers who are currently exceeding their quotas?

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me that the supplementary question is in the form of a suggestion. The hon. member should assume that the minister will consider it.

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[English]

#### PENITENTIARIES

##### PRINCE ALBERT—RESULTS OF INQUIRY INTO RIOT— REINSTATEMENT OF GUARDS

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. It has to do with the situation at Prince Albert penitentiary. Has the investigation into the recent riot or disorder in the penitentiary been completed, and will the guards or warders who were suspended be reinstated?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, the inquiry has been completed and the correction officers who had been suspended have resumed work. At the present time, a grievance has been filed and it is still under study at the level of the Commissioner of Penitentiaries.

[English]

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I would also like to ask the minister whether or not the major criticisms that were made in the investigation were to the effect that orders from Ottawa from the head of the penitentiary service, who is totally unacquainted with penitentiary service having had no experience in that direction, brought about a situation in which the convicts in the penitentiary assumed superiority and authority even over the warders?

[Translation]

**Mr. Goyer:** Mr. Speaker, the officials in Ottawa who are responsible for the administration of the Penitentiary Service enjoy my utmost confidence and I think they are people of experience who know about the problems in the penitentiaries and who are in direct contact with those who manage operations inside the penitentiaries.

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** As a further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, was a person not recently appointed as head of the penitentiary service who had no acquaintance with or knowledge of penitentiaries whatsoever?

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a supplementary question to the Solicitor General. He may have answered this question in response to the right hon. gentleman from Prince Albert. If he did I did not catch the answer. I would like to know whether the inquiry into the riot at Prince Albert has been completed?

[Translation]

**Mr. Goyer:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Supplementary to that, Mr. Speaker, and I apologize for not getting the answer the first time, would the Solicitor General be prepared to make the results of that inquiry public?

[Translation]

**Mr. Goyer:** Mr. Speaker, I think that it has generally been recognized by the House that such inquiries are of a private nature and must serve our own purposes. Had I not been satisfied with the inquiry that was conducted, I could have used other means and turned to a higher level, but I think that this inquiry was performed very efficiently and that the situation is back to normal in that penitentiary.

[English]

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary to the hon. gentleman and counter his suggestion. It is not a well recognized practice. Such inquiry reports have been made public on previous occasions. In any event, inasmuch as there appears on the Order Paper under the name of the government a referral to the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee specifically dealing with penitentiaries, specifically for the committee to travel, and specifically to look at the situation in Prince Albert, does the minister not think he could take the members of that committee into his trust and let them see the report?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

#### SUGGESTED STUDY OF PROBLEMS BY COMMISSION

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Solicitor General. In view of the recurring riots and troubles at Prince Albert and St. Vincent de Paul penitentiaries and others across the country, would the minister set up a commission of experts to study these problems so we can have better enforcement of penitentiary administration throughout the country?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Better administration.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, following the publication of the Ouimet report, two