

Inquiries of the Ministry

Agriculture perhaps I could direct my question to his parliamentary secretary. Would that hon. member indicate whether any progress was made at the joint meeting on Thursday regarding the Ontario sugar refinery problem, and whether a solution is expected in time to permit 1968 contracting?

Mr. Bruce S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, it is my information that there will be a meeting of all interested parties tomorrow to pursue this matter further.

FINANCE**ACTION BY U.S. TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT CAPITAL FROM ABROAD**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I intended to direct a question to the Minister of Finance, who appears at the moment to have vanished into the woodwork. Perhaps his parliamentary secretary will take the question as notice and pass it on. This question arises from a dispatch from Washington which appeared in the local press this week end. It was headed "United States steps up drive to attract investment capital from abroad". The article outlines efforts being made by United States authorities to attract capital from abroad to the United States to safeguard its gold reserves. Has the government taken cognizance of this program on the part of United States authorities and its possible stimulating effect on the outflow of scarce Canadian capital? Does the government propose to do anything about this?

Hon. E. J. Benson (President of the Treasury Board): The Minister of Finance will be making a statement later on this afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure whether this particular matter will be referred to. If it is not I will take the question as notice on his behalf so he may answer tomorrow.

MANPOWER**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, but in his absence perhaps the Acting Prime Minister will take

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it as notice. Has he received the report to the Canadian people on manpower development by the Canadian Association for Adult Education? In light of this report will the government give serious consideration to amendments to the present manpower program?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I will be glad to take the question as notice.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**REPORTED STATEMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER RESPECTING AID TO ATLANTIC PROVINCES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Was the Minister of Finance expressing the views of the government when he said in Moncton on Saturday that government plans for assistance to the Atlantic provinces are too independent of each other? If so, why has this lack of co-ordination been allowed to persist, and does the government have any plans for correcting it?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is reporting on something I am not aware of. I have not seen the report. I would have to discuss this matter with the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister give an answer tomorrow?

Mr. Winters: Either I or somebody else, presumably, will.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SONIC BOOMS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Are claims for damages caused to buildings by sonic booms from military aircraft referred to the Department of National Defence for compensation or, if not, to which department of government are they referred?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): To the Department of National Defence, Mr. Speaker.