

connection, has the government received any indication from the British prime minister that Canadian interests might be jettisoned if such a course would facilitate the entry of Britain into the common market?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could be permitted to answer that question. Liaison committees have been set up in accordance with the agreement reached at the ministerial conference, and last week or the week before members of the Department of Trade and Commerce, supported by other departmental people on the site in London, did have a conference with their opposite numbers in London at which there was no mention of jettisoning.

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Is he now in a position to make an announcement in respect of the appointment of the chairman and vice president to the board of the Cape Breton Development Corporation?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): No, Mr. Speaker, not yet.

AGRICULTURE

POSSIBLE MODIFICATION OF ANNOUNCED POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture, who is well aware of the representations made during the past months by leaders in agriculture regarding the agricultural policy of this government. Can the minister inform me whether announcements will be made in the near future regarding a modification of the government's agricultural policy, or will we have to wait for legislation to be introduced in the fall session?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, we are appointing a task force to review long term goals and objectives in agriculture, and we hope to announce very shortly the appointment of the personnel of that task force which will work in close conjunction with the

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government. This will not be a commission that conducts its own deliberations and then reports in a year or two. If any of their recommendations require legislation, of course it will be introduced and brought forward in the normal way. Apart from that, the government will continue to review the needs of the agricultural community and to bring forth any legislation or other direction which is needed to keep Canadian agriculture in the forefront.

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a point of order?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Before the hon. member rises on a point of order I wonder whether the house would be willing to hear the hon. member for Compton-Frontenac who has a question. I may say that I have allowed the question period to go over the allotted time.

[Translation]

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE INCREASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the hon. Minister of National Health and Welfare.

In view of the fact that family allowance rates have not been increased since 1944, does the minister intend to make a statement in this respect for the future?

[English]

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the problem of family allowances was raised some time ago at a federal-provincial conference and was discussed there. Since then the department has been considering the structure of family allowances with a view, at some future time, to making recommendations to the government. However, there is no intention to introduce any measures in the house in the foreseeable future.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO CHANGE IN DAIRY POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lothbinière): Mr. Speaker, one last question to the Minister of Agriculture, whom I wish sincerely to congratulate as one of those who are doing the most for farmers since he has assumed his