

Inquiries of the Ministry

the other day "legitimate needs" are difficult to assess. This tonnage is less than the fabricators could use at the price of 57 cents but it might be equal to what they would have asked for had it been 66 cents.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Do I take it the minister is saying that the amount set aside for domestic consumption is less than the Canadian fabricators could use? If this is the case, may I ask what value is there in holding the price down to 57 cents if the users cannot buy any copper?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

EXPO '67**INQUIRY AS TO DISPOSITION OF CITÉ DU HAVRE**

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grace): My question is directed to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. Is the minister now ready to make an announcement with respect to the development or disposal of the Cité du Havre property in Montreal?

Some hon. Members: Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: I have some doubt whether particular urgency attaches to that question. If there is such urgency it is not apparent to me at the present time. The hon. member might wish to give notice of the question for consideration at the time of adjournment.

AGRICULTURE**ACTION TO LOWER TRACTOR AND COMBINE PRICES**

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. In view of the fact that the Barber Commission report on farm machinery prices, just released, contains the shocking information that Canadian farmers are being gouged by the machine companies to the extent of at least \$2,000 per item through the overpricing of tractors sold in Canada, what action is the government contemplating to meet this serious situation?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, there is a recommendation in the report that asks for the imposition of a reverse dumping duty on these importations. This has never been done and right now there are no such duties being applied.

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Finance give consideration to the provision of a tax incentive to all-Canadian companies such as Versatile in order to lower the price of farm machinery?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this is a broad policy matter the hon. member is asking about. I think all policies such as this would normally be announced during a budgetary statement.

Mr. Nesbitt: I was only asking whether the minister would consider the matter.

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Revenue, and I might say I was not able to hear the answer he gave to an earlier question. In view of the recommendation contained in the interim report on farm tractor prices to the effect that the government should in certain circumstances impose a reverse dumping duty on tractor imports, will the minister inform the House whether or not reverse dumping duties are now or ever have been applied to Canadian imports—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have the impression that the hon. member is repeating the question which was asked previously.

Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I did not intend to repeat the question. Perhaps the answer was an appropriate one but I could not hear it.

Mr. Côté (Longueuil): Mr. Speaker, I said that the so-called reverse dumping duties are not now applied nor have they ever been applied to imports into Canada.

POLLUTION**PHOSPHATES—REPRESENTATION AT IJC HEARINGS**

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether officers of his department are engaged at the hearings of the International Joint Commission being held this week in certain places in the United States and in Ontario concerning the reduction of phosphates?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, officers of my department take cognizance of all hearings of the IJC. I am unaware whether they are physically present at the hearings this week, but I will take notice of the question