

Inquiries of the Ministry

report to the House in due course on how it was possible for the infestation of this amount of grain while in transit to escape detection and arrive in export positions before it was detected?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question is debate or argument and in those terms I do not think it is acceptable.

The Minister of Justice has now caught my eye.

Mr. Baldwin: Better make it good.

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NATIONAL SECURITY**WAR MEASURES ACT—DYNAMITE, ARMS AND AMMUNITION RECOVERED**

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I thank the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants.

Mr. McCleave: Just don't forget it.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): This is an example of the co-operation of Parliament, Mr. Speaker. Earlier in the afternoon the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands asked about seizures of dynamite. From a public statement made yesterday by Inspector Melançon of the Quebec Provincial Police it is my information that the number of weapons retrieved in the anti-terrorist raids since mid-October included a total of 116 offensive weapons, 2,976 rounds of ammunition and 2,609 sticks of dynamite. Inspector Melançon said that more than 1,800 sticks of dynamite remained unaccounted for out of the 4,500 stolen in the last several months.

AVAILABILITY OF WEAPONS—PASSING OF ORDER IN COUNCIL

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, when the minister is dealing with weapons and the amount of dynamite stolen, I wonder if he would answer my question with respect to restricted and prohibited weapons and advise whether there was a prior Order in Council passed with regard to section 82(e) of the Criminal Code?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I want to be able to give the hon. member a full answer which includes not only an appreciation of the law but an appreciation of the facts and I will combine those when I give the answer.

Mr. Baldwin: If your law is no better than your facts you have a long way to go.

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[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**QUEBEC—DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL AREAS TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT**

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

[Mr. Gleave.]

Considering the disturbing increase in the unemployment rate in Quebec, does the minister intend to designate other special areas in that province so that they may benefit from the provisions of the act, and so as to reduce unemployment?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, almost the whole of the province of Quebec is already designated under the act, even the hon. member's riding, and we shall certainly assist any firms wishing to settle in that province.

Mr. Asselin: I thank the minister, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

CORNWALL—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON STUDIES AND PROGRAMS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, in the month of April I asked the minister a question concerning a constituency not represented on the floor of the House, namely, the area of the city of Cornwall. That area had the highest unemployment rate at the time the question was asked and it has not changed since. The minister at that time assured me that the question would receive early attention but six or seven months have gone by. Could the minister today tell the House what has been done?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I believe I answered this question a few days ago. Since then, the federal government has decided to invest a large sum of money in the rebuilding of the Cornwall wharf and we will continue to study projects which will, no doubt, remedy the unemployment situation.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Why such a long delay?

[Translation]

SAINT-HYACINTHE—DESIGNATION AS SPECIAL AREA

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, does the minister want to say that he has finally reached a decision regarding the Saint-Hyacinthe region, which also suffers from unemployment?

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps we have reached the point where we should draw the line. I have suggested to hon. members that it was not quite in order to go over every region of the country to determine whether it is designated. Having heard the question from the right hon. member for Prince Albert, perhaps this would be a good place to draw the line. I suggest to hon. members that questions referring to individual regions are not quite in order at this time.

Mr. Diefenbaker: If I may rise on a question of privilege, I did not deal with Prince Albert but with Cornwall. Having been in Cornwall I felt that the matter should be raised in view of Your Honour's position of complete neutrality and inability to make representations here in the House.