

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Has the minister been advised by the United States government that retaliatory action would be taken?

**Mr. Greene:** Mr. Speaker, we have been looking into this matter very carefully. We visited Washington on several occasions to try to help the western potato growers in their very difficult position. The best information we could get and the most complete conclusion that we could arrive at was that if in fact unilateral action were taken by Canada in placing a value for duty on these imports, retaliatory action would be taken—that is to say, if we were not able to reach a bilateral agreement with the United States regarding a value for duty imposition.

**DRUGS****REPORTED LARGE SCALE COUNTERFEITING OF PRODUCTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon):** I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I wonder if the minister has been made aware of a serious situation which could endanger the health and safety of the public, which has now come to light. Is the minister aware that counterfeiters of drug products have recently commenced large scale operations in Canada?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** No, Mr. Speaker, and I should like to have details to substantiate the claim.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that this could be done by direct communication between the minister and the hon. member who has raised the matter.

**HOUSING****CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES RESPECTING RENTAL ACCOMMODATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth):** I should like to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board in his capacity as the minister who speaks for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Before the house adjourns, in two or three weeks, and in view of the continuing spiral in rents which is taking place in Canada, I wonder if the minister would bring the house up to date with some sort of statement on the success he is having in co-ordinating the activities of his  
[Mr. Jorgenson.]

department and those of the provinces with a view to expediting the construction of rental accommodation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, perhaps the minister might want to indicate whether such a statement could be made, but certainly he could not make such a statement just now.

**Hon. E. J. Benson (President of the Treasury Board):** First of all, Mr. Speaker, if the house adjourns in two or three weeks I probably will not be President of the Treasury Board by that time. Quite aside from that, I had the pleasure of meeting with the ministers responsible for housing in the Atlantic provinces yesterday with a view to moving toward the objective to which my hon. friend referred. We had a very pleasant and very useful meeting. At this time I should like also to again assure the hon. member that this year there will be more houses built than ever before in Canadian history, including more rental housing units.

**Mr. Scott (Danforth):** In view of the fact that the houses being built under N.H.A. are acknowledged by all parties to be beyond the monetary capacity of 85 per cent of our people, will the minister concentrate in his statement on the low rental housing problem in this country?

**Mr. Benson:** On the contrary, this year N.H.A. is concentrating its money in public housing.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**DIVORCE****PREPARATION OF RULES OF COURT—  
PROCLAMATION OF LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. R. A. Bell (Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Justice whether a meeting of chief justices on the subject of divorce rules has taken place, what progress has been made, and whether he is able to forecast when the new legislation may be proclaimed.

**Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I have also been given notice of this question by the hon. member for Halifax, and I have an answer I should like to give.

First of all with regard to the chief justices' meeting, a meeting was held last week of chief justices from all across Canada. Considerable progress was made. It is the intention