

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, while this does not amount to subsidization, there is a very satisfactory and lower than commercial rate of interest now charged to farmers through the Farm Improvement Loans Act and the Farm Credit Corporation. To extend that to cover the credit required by dealers would require a change in the act. We will have a look at that suggestion as well.

FARM MACHINERY—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, will the minister say whether he is consulting with the provincial Departments of Agriculture in order to ascertain which parts of the royal commission report can be implemented as soon as possible?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): We will do so, Mr. Speaker. In fact there is a meeting of all Ministers of Agriculture in Canada slated for July 20, I believe. I am sure this is one of the subjects that will be on the agenda.

FARM MACHINERY—MEETING WITH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister when he proposes to meet with representatives of the industry?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I will be meeting with some representatives of the farm machinery manufacturing industry this afternoon.

FARM MACHINERY PRICES—EXAMINATION BY COMBINES INVESTIGATION BRANCH

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. On May 4 I asked the Minister of Agriculture whether an investigation into farm machinery prices would be undertaken by the combines investigation branch. The response by the Minister of Agriculture was that the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs had considered that course months ago. Will the minister now indicate whether such a course is still being considered and, if so, when can we expect such an investigation under the Combines Investigation Act?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): The interim report from Professor Barber indicated that there were certain aspects of the farm machinery industry that should be examined by the combines branch. It can be taken as said that any such direction would be attended to by the Director of Research and Investigation.

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AIR TRANSPORT

DISCRIMINATION IN FARES AGAINST DOMESTIC TRAVEL

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Is he going to inquire into and make a statement on the increasing complaints that air fares are becoming biased toward travel outside rather than within Canada?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the board of Air Canada appeared before the Committee on Transport and Communications yesterday and I understand he is returning next week. Since to a great extent this is a matter for the airlines it might be appropriate for committee members to ask him these questions. In a general way I might say I am keeping a watching brief on the situation. I would expect that international fares are likely to go up in the near future if all the current reports are correct.

INVESTIGATION OF INCREASE IN CHARTER RATES

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is the Prices and Incomes Commission looking into the spontaneous decision of three Canadian carriers to raise charter rates by as much as 10 per cent now and 30 per cent next year and, if so, when will a statement be made on this matter?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I will have to determine that from the chairman.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): My question is supplementary to some asked earlier of the Acting Prime Minister. Could the Acting Prime Minister tell us whether the announced resignation of the hon. member for York West last night and the question of privilege raised in the House of Commons today had any reference or relationship to the activities in Moscow in the last two or three days?

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NATIONAL PARKS

LAKE TIMISKAMING AREA—NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC RESPECTING DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): I had intended to ask a question of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development but I see he has left. Perhaps his parliamentary secretary would take notice of the question. Some time ago the minister indicated that negotiations were taking place between the province of Ontario and the province of Quebec toward the development of a large national park in the Lake Timiskaming area. I wonder whether these negotiations have now been concluded and, if so, with what result?

Mr. Speaker: I assume the hon. member's question has been noted.