

mitment to Peter Hannam, an outstanding young man who is the leader of that organization, it is farm organizations and the provinces which refused to participate in any fashion or form to help go along with improving the membership in Canfarm. Not one provincial minister has come forward to say that he thinks it is a good organization. We discussed this in July at the provincial ministers' meeting, and also in Brandon.

We have fulfilled our obligation to them with regard to funds. We have given the limit of the funds up until the present time. We will be meeting with the board of directors later this afternoon to discuss further whether there is any way imaginable it can be kept alive. We have over \$4 million in that organization at the present time. It appears we could put a further \$4 million into it, but we do not know if it is going to be a success. There must be more participation by the farmers and provincial ministers of agriculture in that organization. It is a good organization. Peter Hannam has given it tremendous leadership, but he does not have the support that he needs, especially from farm organizations and provincial ministers of agriculture.

● (1450)

Mr. Wise: The minister uses his old flam of blaming everyone except himself. Since the moneys required to wind down Canfarm are more than what is required for its survival—\$1.5 million versus \$1.2 million—would the minister reconsider his decision and, at the very least, make the final payment of some \$300,000, which was really the final commitment that we made a year ago, and our commitment that we have fulfilled, of \$1.2 million?

Mr. Whelan: All the member was doing while I was away on a short sabbatical was fulfilling the commitments I made to Canfarm. That is all he was doing. We have given them the \$300,000. Let him come up to date and make sure he knows what he is talking about before he asks questions or makes accusations.

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THE MONARCHY

RELATIONSHIP TO TREATY INDIANS

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development who is, I see, helping the Brazilian coffee industry and the Niagara tobacco industry at the back of the chamber.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Kilgour: Madam Speaker, the minister will be aware that the Indian people of Canada feel that they have a special relationship with the Queen of Canada which goes back a great many years. Does the minister feel that the duties of the Queen of Canada to, and the relationship the Queen has with, Indian groups, particularly the treaty groups, continue to exist?

Oral Questions

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Madam Speaker, it is clear to the Indian people, as it is clear to many other Canadians, that the Queen of Canada has a great deal of symbolic value and is an institution that they and the rest of us want to maintain.

Mr. Kilgour: I ask the same question, Madam Speaker. The newspapers reported yesterday that the Governor General has indicated that the people who have come on the constitution express must negotiate with the Government of Canada only, that they may have no dealings, as I understand it, with the Queen of Canada living in Britain. Is that the position of the Government of Canada? If so, does that mean that the head of state in Canada is now the Governor General rather than the Queen of Canada?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Madam Speaker, the hon. member is a member of Parliament for Canada. Surely he is aware of the role of the Governor General and of the Queen of Canada. To be so patronizing as to assume that the Indian people do not seem to me to be rather insulting.

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PENITENTIARIES

DORCHESTER, N.B.—INQUIRY WHEN REPORT ON CONDITIONS WILL BE PRESENTED

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. The minister knows that there has been at Dorchester Penitentiary in New Brunswick a very serious history of hostage takings, the tragic death of a prison guard, the suicide of a prisoner, escapes of convicted murderers and allegations of brutality and lawlessness before and after the recent hostage taking. The Canadian public has a right to know the full circumstances surrounding these recent incidents. In view of the fact that on October 14 of this year the Solicitor General promised the House that "I would be prepared, when the facts have been collected by the special inquiry, to make them public in the next few days as soon as I have them"—and that was almost two months ago—when are we finally going to have a full public report, as promised by the minister, on the very serious recent events at Dorchester Penitentiary?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): Madam Speaker, subsequent to my making that statement, the coroner of the province of New Brunswick indicated that a public inquest would be held. That inquest by this independent official of the New Brunswick government was indeed held. A full statement of facts was made and adduced before the coroner's inquest. I am very glad to tell the House that those public findings by that objective inquiry correspond exactly with the findings that were made by the special inquiry which was held by the inspector general of the correctional service.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, that answer is completely unacceptable. The minister knows very well—