

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

If I still have a minute or two I should like to say that it is particularly important that in its discussions and negotiations with European nations, the Canadian government should not lose sight of the importance of the lumber export market, even though the British do not regard it as a sensitive area.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The hon. member's time has expired.

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I think we are indebted to the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett) for raising this very important issue. It is a matter of concern to the government and certainly to the people and industry in British Columbia. Perhaps it is not surprising that the genial and very capable Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin) would not have at his fingertips all 12 items about which the British are particularly concerned, when one notices that the list includes not only plywood, wood pulp and newsprint, with which the hon. member was concerned, but things like ferro-silicon, ferro-chrome and even the esoteric item of wattle extract.

British Columbia lumber products do enter the United Kingdom market tariff free at the present time. Under arrangements that are expected to be made if the United Kingdom succeeds in joining the European Economic Community, it is anticipated, as the hon. member stated, that rough-sawn lumber will continue to enter duty free. It is expected that wood pulp would carry a tariff of 3

per cent, newsprint 7 per cent and plywood 13 per cent. At the present time, countries that are members of the EEC are importing wood pulp and newsprint for their own needs on a tariff free basis.

The United Kingdom has given notice that it intends to ask for special arrangements to be made with regard to wood pulp, newsprint and plywood. The government is in very close contact with the United Kingdom and countries of the EEC in regard to these arrangements. The minister was recently in Europe developing previous contacts and the government is kept aware of these important developments.

The government is also very closely in touch with British Columbia lumber producers and marketers. Last week, as a matter of fact, the minister and I had a meeting with one of the lumber industry representatives who was in Ottawa, at which we discussed particular arrangements concerning the promotion of British Columbia plywood. It is hoped that something can be worked out which will have special reference to our need for developing and maintaining markets for British Columbia plywood in the European Economic Community, and at such time as—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The Parliamentary Secretary's time has expired. Pursuant to Standing Order 2 (3), this House stands adjourned until Thursday, November 12, 1970, at two o'clock p.m.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10:26 p.m.