

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

he is willing to give additional revenue by way of tax abatement to the provinces, which is what he is really talking about, is he willing to support further increases in federal taxation, considering he is in favour of balancing the budget?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Stanfield:** I am sure the minister's attention has been drawn to the very serious criticisms of his financial policy contained in the budget of the New Brunswick government, accusing the federal government of inconsistency, lack of willingness to co-operate—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

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

**Mr. Benson:** On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. This subject is on the agenda of federal-provincial conferences and we discuss these matters there. I have heard the same criticism from the hon. gentleman, with about as much justification.

**GRAIN**

INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT—  
REQUEST FOR REPORT ON PRICES  
REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that officials from both the hon. gentleman's department and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce are representing Canada at the meeting of the International Grain Arrangement prices review committee in London, may I ask whether the minister is now in a position to report to the house on the progress of this meeting?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** No, Mr. Speaker, but I expect we shall have a report soon.

**Mr. Nystrom:** I should like to ask the minister what instructions were given to Canadian officials putting forward representations in London.

**Mr. Olson:** As the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce pointed out the other day, this is a routine meeting of the kind held from time to time to review prices and other matters respecting the agreement. I do not think it would be prudent for us to make public any discussions which representatives may have had with their ministers.

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[*Translation*]

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

HAL BANKS—POSSIBILITY OF RENEWING  
EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

**Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac):** I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Can he tell the house whether or not, when he goes to the White House on March 23 and 24, the matter of extraditing Hal Banks from the United States to Canada will be brought up?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe there will be much more important matters to discuss with the President of the United States than the particular case of Hal Banks.

[*English*]

[*Later:*]

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** My question is directed to the Minister of Justice, Mr. Speaker. Since the latest reports from Washington indicate that the government of the United States would now be willing to extradite Hal Banks, if the Canadian government were to make a new application, can the hon. gentleman tell us whether the government has any intention of making such an application?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** The law has not changed since the election, Mr. Speaker.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Hees:** Is the reluctance of the government to move in this matter the consequence of some debt or obligation which it feels it owes to Mr. Banks? Yes or no?

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

[*Translation*]

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON RECREATIONAL  
POLICY

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As he is not in the house, I shall direct it to the Prime Minister.

The Quebec Minister of Tourism stated on March 13 that a proposal made last January to the Minister of National Health and Welfare concerning the financing of organized leisure was left unanswered; in view of that statement, could the Prime Minister tell us whether his government has made a decision and, if so, what it is?