

HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN

INQUIRY AS TO ATTENDANCE AT OPENING OF NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. He has been out in Alberta where he witnessed a wonderful reception.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I am not speaking of the synthetic or organized one.

Mr. Paproski: No!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I am speaking of the reception for the Prince of Wales and Prince Andrew which revealed something of the loyalty of the people of Alberta, including the Indians particularly, to Her Majesty. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether or not arrangements have now been made whereby on this her silver anniversary year she will be given an opportunity this fall to open parliament and to generally carry out the responsibilities which are hers?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we hope to make an announcement on this in due course. When we know when parliament closes, then we will be in a position to know when it opens.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, at the rate the government is going in its unsettled way, I can understand that the Prime Minister does not know where the government is going or where its policies are going.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: The government should let parliament know whether she is going to be invited here. Regardless of whether this session takes another week or month, is she going to be invited here this fall? Why is there this unnecessary evasion? Months ago the Prime Minister said that he had this in mind. I now ask him: has it gone out of his mind, or does he intend to have her here?

● (1430)

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I think I should let the right hon. gentlemen in on the secret. He is not a member in full standing of the Royal Society of Canada, as I am.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: That is worn out.

Mr. Trudeau: However, I think the right hon. gentleman would be interested in knowing that when I saw Her Majesty in London, I told her that if there were a new session around that time I hoped she would want to read the Speech from the Throne. She accepted with pleasure, but I cannot make an

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announcement on it until we know if the opposition is going to co-operate in bringing this session to an end.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Prime Minister spoke about the Royal Society of Canada, and he pointed out that he is a full sized member of the Royal Society. That, of course, gave him the opportunity to do his pirouette in London.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I rather expected him to do the can-can when he was in Paris. I point out that those in the same position as myself in the Royal Society include two former Governors General of Canada and our predecessors Mr. Pearson and Mr. St. Laurent.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Trudeau: It's about the pirouette, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Halton.

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TRADE

ARTHUR REPORT—POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING SALE OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS TO UNITED STATES

Mr. F. A. Philbrook (Halton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

In view of the findings of the Arthur report on the North American automotive industry, does the minister intend to consider the possibility of increasing our exports of automotive parts?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, we are now working with the automotive industry and the manufacturers of parts to help them increase their production. We had contacts with other countries and we hope to find foreign markets for Canadian automotive parts, as the hon. member is suggesting.

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FARM CREDIT CORPORATION

POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN AWARDING OF CONTRACT BY CHAIRMAN TO MANITOBA INSTITUTE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Minister of Agriculture has confirmed that the chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation was also a director of the Manitoba Institute of Management at the same time as he awarded it a consulting contract on behalf of the Farm Credit Corporation for which tenders were not called