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COMMONS DEBATES

question to the Minister of Agriculture. When will he be in a position to make an announcement with regard to a subsidy on the 1966 crop of sugarbeets?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): I do not want to be too positive on this matter because these things sometimes have a way of getting side-tracked, but I hope to be able to make a statement next week.

[Translation]

FINANCE

POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF CEILINGS ON PRICES AND SALARIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the hon. Member of the Administration?

In view of the fact that, to ensure the success of his campaign for restrictions, the Minister of Finance intends to consult a group of experts, can the minister tell us whether, as a result of their recommendations, a ceiling will be put on prices or salaries?

Mr. Speaker: I believe the question is much too general in nature to be put at this time.

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

MANDARIN ORANGES—POSSIBLE APPEAL OF JUDGMENT IN PROSECUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Registrar General in his capacity as minister in charge of consumer affairs. Is it the intention of his department to appeal the judgment imposing fines on the ten companies in British Columbia convicted of conspiring to unduly lessen competition in the orange trade?

Hon. John N. Turner (Registrar General): Mr. Speaker, I take it the hon. member is referring to the mandarin orange case. If so, we are awaiting advice from counsel, but it would be my feeling that the amount of the fines might be appealed.

AGRICULTURE

TURKEYS—RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)): I should like to direct another question to the Minister

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of Agriculture. It is based upon representations I am receiving with regard to the turkey industry. I know the government is quite aware of the problem with which turkey producers has been faced recently. I wonder if it has made a final decision about the effect of the tariff imposed on turkeys from the United States or whether the government will implement a quota system as well?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the value for duty provision implemented in order to protect the Canadian turkey industry against unfair competition from United States turkeys being delivered in Canada at less than their cost of production has not been in effect long enough to assess whether or not it is effective, and whether it will make the game fair and equitable. If this measure is not sufficient, in giving protection to the Canadian producer, to make the game equitable, then we will consider further action. At the moment, we do not have enough information to make such a decision.

FINANCE

ALLEGED OVERCHARGING BY BANKS ON EXCHANGE OF UNITED STATES CURRENCY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Finance. Is it the intention of the Minister of Finance to report to the house the results of his investigation with regard to the banks that overcharged on exchange between Canada and the United States, and who thereby violated the international monetary fund agreement?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Member of the Administration): Mr. Speaker, I will bring the question to the attention of the Minister of Finance and if he deems it necessary, I am sure he will report to the house.

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PAROLE-INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question of the Solicitor General. Did I understand him correctly last night that legislation to amend the Parole Act will be placed before