

Inquiries of the Ministry

However, the responsible minister may want to take notice of the question and, if the hon. member puts it to him some other day, he would be in a position to give an answer.

[English]

ADEQUACY OF POLICE INVESTIGATION METHODS—IMPLEMENTATION OF ROYAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. C. Terrence Murphy (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that some three weeks have elapsed since the abduction of Mr. Cross and in view of published statements by law enforcement officers in this country and in the United States that established police investigational methods are not adequate to cope with current revolutionary and terrorist tactics, does the government contemplate reviewing its policy with reference to federal law enforcement agencies and possible implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Security pertaining to a special security force for Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I think the premises to the question are very serious. On the review suggested by the hon. member I can only say that this question was reviewed last year in great detail and, as the House knows, the decision was taken to appoint a deputy commissioner who would have special responsibility for this and the House knows that the deputy commissioner was taken from outside the force. We feel that this combines the advantage of the commission's report and reflects also the general confidence the country has had in the force in the past.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

ADEQUACY OF SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OF FORCES AND CIVILIAN STAFF BY UNDESIRABLES

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to pose a question to the Minister of National Defence. In light of the statement made by his colleague the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion about a week ago in the House that these people, referring to the FLQ, have infiltrated every strategic place in the province of Quebec, can the minister assure the House that the security measures which have been taken over the past years have been adequate to prevent such infiltration into either the armed forces or the civilian staff of his department?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): I have every reason to believe that the security measures have been effective for that purpose.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

NATIONAL CAPITAL

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): I have a question for the minister who reports to the House on housing and National Capital Commission matters. Can he say whether consideration is being given at this time to the establishment of a committee of Parliament to concern itself with all matters dealing with the national capital and, if so, whether the intention is to establish that committee during the present session?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): The question has already been put to me but no decision has been made. In the meantime, of course, there is a committee to which those interested in National Capital Commission affairs have access, and that opportunity will continue. However, in answer to the question of the hon. member may I say precisely, not yet.

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GRAIN

BARLEY—EMBARGO ON EXPORT

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is for the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Has an embargo been placed on the export of barley and, if so, what is the reason for this policy at this time?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker, certainly no general embargo. If there is a particular market which the hon. member is inquiring about, I would be glad to have further details and inquire on his behalf.

Mr. Dinsdale: Perhaps I could elucidate with a supplementary question. Is the Wheat Board accepting export delivery orders for barley at this time?

Mr. Lang: On a matter like that involving the commercial considerations that enter into the Wheat Board's decision, I would refrain from comment in the House.

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POWER

SKAGIT RIVER—METHOD OF OPPOSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND SEATTLE CITY LIGHT COMPANY

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the minister's speech on October 10 to the Burnaby and Lower Coast Regional Conference in which he indicated that federal government lawyers were searching for ways in which the 1967 agreement between British Columbia and Seattle City Light on the Skagit River flooding might be opposed, I would ask the minister if any way to oppose this agreement has been found and, if so, what action will be taken?