

in reality becomes the world floor price? Why is there a \$15 shortfall for Canadian farmers? It is not necessary, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board)): Mr. Speaker, I am not so sure the Hon. Member does his arithmetic correctly. There is more to setting prices than simply looking at the U.S. rate. Also, if the Member wants to get into the U.S. Farm Bill, he will know that it is a very complex piece of legislation. I have said previously, and I will say again, that we do not want to be totally spooked by the U.S. Farm Bill. We want to look at the bigger problem and look at it in context with what the Europeans are doing.

We have set, to say it again, the initial prices this year at probably a higher percentage of the anticipated realized final price than has been the case in the past.

COMMITTEE STUDY OF PARITY PRICING

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, the Minister responsible for the Wheat Board knows that this morning we had a striking committee on a special study of parity pricing and a higher domestic wheat price.

Can the Minister say whether or not he is now prepared to make a recommendation that we have a parity price for Canadian grain sold to Canadians for domestic purposes and that we adjust it annually according to the increase in the cost of production?

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board)): Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is appropriate for anybody to prejudice what the committee will find. What I said on Tuesday, and say again, is that we want to look very seriously at raising prices for domestic consumption.

Mr. Benjamin: What the hell is your policy?

Mr. Mayer: We give credit to the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville and also to the Hon. Member for Swift Current—Maple Creek, for this is something we want to look at very seriously.

I quoted before the President of the Consumers Association of Canada, Mrs. Sally Hall from Edmonton. Anytime we have gone to consumers with our case and consumers understand where the money is going, we have been treated very fairly by them. That, however, is up to the committee. Whatever the committee recommends, as far as the Government is concerned, we will be prepared to take a very serious look at it.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

PUBLIC WORKS

INVESTIGATION INTO AWARDING OF MUSEUM OF MAN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS—INQUIRY WHEN PRIME MINISTER INFORMED

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister and concerns the matter of the Public Works contract or contracts at the Museum of Man construction site in Hull.

When did the Prime Minister become aware of this situation and could he inform the House whether his Office or the Privy Council Office has investigated the matter, and more specifically, what the scope of the investigation was? Was it a full investigation and will it be tabled in the House?

[English]

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the House dealt with this question the other day. As the Hon. Member knows, he alleged in the House of Commons that there was a police investigation under way. It would not be appropriate for the House to comment further on it.

Mr. Gauthier: How about the Government?

INQUIRY CONCERNING SEARCH WARRANTS

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Solicitor General. He seems to want to answer lots of questions on this subject. My question concerns the same case.

Can the Solicitor General inform this House whether the RCMP has obtained warrants for the search of parliamentary offices of any Members of Parliament?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will not allow that question.

An Hon. Member: Why not?

Mr. Speaker: Any matters with regard to that are entirely within the province of the Chair.

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EMPLOYMENT

EXPENDITURES ON JOB TRAINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. There are now so many chronic unemployed in Vancouver that the Vancouver food bank is running out of food and has to close down on "welfare Wednesdays". Why, in the last fiscal year when \$55 million was approved for job creation and job training in British Columbia, was only \$40 million spent? Why, Mr. Speaker?