

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Diefenbaker: There has been no change?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Yes.

HONOURS AND AWARDS**CANADA MEDAL—REASON FOR PRODUCTION
IN ENGLAND**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure to whom I should direct this question, but the Secretary of State looks her usual courteous and capable self so I will direct it to her. In view of the fact that we have master craftsmen at the Royal Canadian Mint whose work, I am sure we all agree, is unexcelled, why is the Order of Canada medal being produced by Garrard's of London, England, and not by the Royal Canadian Mint?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I did not know it was being produced by them, Mr. Speaker, but I shall be happy to find out what the position is. It may be some time before I can give the hon. member an answer here so I may mail it.

FISHERIES**INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF
GEOGRAPHICAL CO-ORDINATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I trust his answer will be such that I will not be asking questions on the subject when we return later this year. I should like to ask the minister how he is coming along with establishing the base line co-ordinates under the Fishing Zones and Territorial Seas Act.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I had hoped to be able to make an announcement earlier than this. I am not in a position to do so. I hope I will be able to make an announcement before I next see the hon. gentleman.

AGRICULTURE**SASKATCHEWAN—EMERGENCY MEASURES TO
PROVIDE FORAGE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Minister of Agriculture on behalf

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

of hon. members from the province of Saskatchewan. In view of the serious drought situation that has developed in several large areas of western Canada in the past several weeks, has the minister had any communication with Hon. Ross Thatcher, premier of Saskatchewan, with a view to setting up emergency measures to provide forage to maintain basic cattle herds? I might say that most of Saskatchewan has had approximately half an inch of rain since May 1.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the premier of Saskatchewan attended here, I think the day before yesterday, and communicated those thoughts to me. He indicated that he would be keeping us apprised of the seriousness of the situation and whether in his opinion an emergency program was needed.

DIVORCE**POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Has the minister any intentions with respect to the report on divorce which was filed in this house on June 27, and would he tell the house whether he will introduce in the fall legislation on that report?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, since the committee's well researched and well thought out report was tabled, officials of my department and myself have been considering it.

It is my hope that in the near future I will be able to make suggestions to the cabinet with regard to legislation, and it is my expectation there will be legislation on this matter in the fall.

TRADE**POSSIBLE LOSS OF CANADIAN PREFERENCE
IN U.K. MARKET**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. It is based on a report that the United Kingdom may dump Canadian safeguards in a headlong dash to enter the common market. In view of the assurances given by the prime minister of Britain that continuous and close negotiations will be carried on with commonwealth countries in this