

of the \$10 payment will be made at the time of the completed application and the other half of the payment will be made one year later after there has been opportunity for inspection.

USE OF TREASURY FUNDS BY UNITED STATES TO MAKE
WHEAT COMPETITIVE—CANADIAN ACTION

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. In view of the report from the Geneva International Wheat Conference that the United States will use its government treasury to ensure that United States wheat is competitive, can the Prime Minister say whether Canadian producers can expect the same consideration from the Canadian treasury in order to ensure that we obtain our share of the world market?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the premise of the question is purely speculative. There is no indication that this will happen. So far as the Canadian treasury is concerned, it does support to a considerable extent the Canadian wheat grower.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question?

Mr. Skoberg: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister suggested that the premise of the question was purely speculative. This is a report from the Geneva conference by one of the United States delegates.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is hardly a point of order. The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

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TRADE

ACTION TO INCREASE EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURED
PRODUCTS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the sharp falling off in export sales so far this year, is the government planning a massive trade drive to increase exports, particularly of manufactured products which, as the Prime Minister knows, are labour intensive and very much needed to provide additional job opportunities at this time?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome the hon. member back from the Bugaboos if I were not afraid that the opposition might think it was an obscene word and ask what it is. With regard to the question that the hon. member asked, I point out to him that the record of performance of the Canadian economy in the last year has been double that of any previous year in our peacetime history. Therefore I think that the hon. member should be congratulating us on the management of the economy.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Prime Minister is not aware that exports of manufactured products increased by only 4.2 per cent last year, which is a very low increase.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member kindly ask his supplementary?

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to bring the Prime Minister into the picture. I ask the Prime Minister to look personally into the operations of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce so that he may learn first-hand that the departments strong desire to begin a massive trade drive has been frustrated by the government's refusal to finance such a trade drive.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Benson: There is a \$3 billion surplus.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ORDER (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT BY PERMANENT STATUTE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In light of the firm statement made by the Premier of Quebec that a permanent law will replace the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act after the end of April, may I ask if the government has changed its position since January 11 when the Acting Prime Minister said that the matter would not be dealt with by legislation? Is the government now engaged in drafting such a bill?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the government's position will be announced on this. What we have said, and the position on which I confirm the Acting Prime Minister as being right, is that we would bring the matter before the House before the expiration of the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act. The form in which it will be brought in will be known to the House when it is introduced.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that the Premier of Quebec said that discussions are now being carried on between the governments, may I ask if these discussions are limited to the government of Quebec and the government of Canada or are the governments of the other provinces taking part in the discussions? Also, was the matter discussed at the recent federal-provincial conference?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the matter was not discussed at the recent federal-provincial conference. If there are any discussions with the province of Quebec, they are only at a very informal level. I do not know of them as such. There has perhaps been some consultation between our Minister of Justice and the Minister of Justice of Quebec as to the way in which the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act has applied, but there