

Mr. Woolliams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Out of the 497 people who were arrested how many were actually charged and convicted? I think it would get down to either one or zero.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I would not accept the innuendo in the statement of the hon. member for Calgary North. I should remind him that while Parliament took responsibility for both the proclamation of the War Measures Act and the content of the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act, the administration was left to the Attorney General of the province.

QUEBEC—PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF ARMED FORCES—
AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Defence. Is it the intention of the government to move for amendments to the National Defence Act to give effect to the view of the Prime Minister of Quebec that the federal government should defray the whole cost of the military operations in Quebec during that period?

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NATIONAL REVENUE

CUSTOMS DUTIES—USE OF WRITS OF ASSISTANCE BY
RCMP AT ATLIN, B.C.—REQUEST FOR INQUIRY BY
COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue regarding an intrusion into the rights and privacy of a number of people resident in the community of Atlin, B.C.. Would the minister be prepared to have the officers of his department and of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who are responsible for that invasion appear before an appropriate parliamentary committee to explain their actions?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I have already written to the hon. member setting out the position of the department in this matter. I think that the contents of the letter sent by myself indicated that, so far as I have been able to determine, proper procedures were followed in this case.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I will not argue with the minister about the letter because I have not seen it yet, but after reading it perhaps I will have something else to say. I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice or the Solicitor General, whichever is responsible for the issue of writs of assistance to Royal Canadian Mounted Police constables in this instance. Can the minister explain the reasons for the issuance of a writ of assistance which is in effect a blanket search warrant to seize, arrest and break into people's property without suspecting anything? Can he give us an explanation?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the particular facts in this instance, but the writs of assistance to which the hon. member refers

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were issued under the terms of the statute and under the authority of the Minister of National Revenue.

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AGRICULTURE

BUTTER—SUPPORT PRICE INCREASE PAYMENT TO
INDUSTRIAL MILK PRODUCERS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

In order to reassure industrial milk producers, would the minister be in a position to tell the House whether the increase in price support for butter will benefit industrial milk producers in the same proportion as the price increase decreed for butter?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am unable to grasp the relationship between the prices of beef and milk, if that is what the question was about.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): May I ask a supplementary, Mr. Speaker?

We have evidence that the amplifying system is not working very well. I did not talk about beef, but rather about butter.

In view of the increase of price support for butter, will industrial milk producers benefit from the price increase in the same proportion?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, the amount or level of the pay-out to the producers of milk that is delivered to processing plants is a matter that is determined in Quebec and Ontario by the respective milk marketing boards. Of course we cannot insist that they set the level at any certain price. However, in respect of recent prices for processed butter, which we supported in the processing plants, as well as cheese and skim milk powder, we know they are now in a position to raise those prices.

DAIRYING—PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY CHEQUES

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, is the Minister of Agriculture going to take immediate steps to make sure the subsidy cheques reach the hands of the dairy producers in a more prompt and orderly fashion? Some of them have not received a cheque for six months.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): If there are any individuals who have not received equalization payments at the year end I should like to know about it. I thought they were all cleared away. I should like to apologize for the delay that occurred when there was a calculation being made for the year-end payments. This held up some of the other payments, but it is my information that this has all been cleared up now.

Mr. McKinley: Mr. Speaker, I understand that those who are on graduated entry at least in the province of Ontario have not as yet received their April cheques, so they are at