

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): The number of cars or the dollar value of cars imported from the U.S.A. in 1965 which did not qualify for duty free entry because the firm or firms did not maintain the same ratio between cars produced and sold in Canada in the base year of August 1, 1963 to July 31, 1964, is not known at the present time, for the reason that company returns are not as yet available for audit.

FARM GUIDANCE AGENCY

Question No. 603—Mr. Neveu:

Is the government planning to set up, in co-operation with the provinces, an agency for the profitable operation of farms, for the purpose of providing guidance and information to farmers on the possibilities of a rational production of diversified crops, compatible with the soil resources and the commercial outlets?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): The various activities of federal and provincial departments of agriculture are related to the objective of profitable operation of farms. To provide co-ordination in guidance and information to farmers there are now various committees and conferences at the local and national levels. Continuing consideration is given to more effective means of advancing this objective.

*C.B.C. APPLICATION FOR LABOUR
CODE DEFERMENT

Question No. 604—Mr. Lewis:

1. Has the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation applied to the Minister of Labour for deferment of any of the provisions of the Canada Labour (Standards) Code and, if so, what are the provisions sought to be deferred?

2. What, if any, disposition has been made by the minister of such application or applications?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the question and the answer to this question are in two parts. As to the first part the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has made a submission under section 51 for deferment of part I, hours of work set out in the Canada Labour (Standards) Code.

The answer to part 2 is, no decision has yet been reached.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS
FOR RETURNS

PRINTING BUREAU WAGES

Question No. 63—Mr. Irvine:

1. Over the past five calendar or fiscal years what has been the total annual outlay for wages and salaries at the Canadian Government Printing Bureau?

Question of Privilege

2. What is the rate of pay for compositors, press operators, binders, other categories of employees?

3. What "fringe" or other benefits are provided by way of (a) sick leave (b) pensions (c) vacations?

4. Over the past five calendar or fiscal years, what has been the rate of absenteeism?

5. What has been the total loss in man-hours through such absenteeism?

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*RESEARCH INTO MOTOR CAR SAFETY

Question No. 289—Mr. Graftey:

1. In the year 1965, what amount, if any, did the federal government spend on research involving the production of safer cars for the use of the general public?

2. Does the government have any information indicating the extent to which private bodies or institutions in Canada, are doing research relating to the production of safer motor vehicles and, if so, what is the extent of such research?

3. Has the government any statistics relating the profits of the Ford Motor Company of Canada in 1965 to the company's budget for research into the production of safer cars and, if so, from what federal agency are such statistics available?

4. Has the government any statistics relating the profits of the Chrysler Corporation of Canada in 1965 to the company's budget for research into the production of safer cars and, if so, from what federal agency are such statistics available?

5. Has the government any statistics relating the profits of General Motors Corporation of Canada in 1965 to the company's budget for research into the production of safer cars and, if so, from what federal agency are such statistics available?

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PRIVILEGE

MR. NIELSEN—RIGHT OF MEMBER FOR MONTMAGNY-L'ISLET TO VOTE IN HOUSE

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, you were kind enough to speak with me last Friday in your chambers in respect of the matter of privilege which I raised that afternoon. I have provided Your Honour with notice of my intention to raise it this afternoon, and I wish to inform Your Honour and the members of the house that I have sent a copy of that notice through the chief government whip to the hon. member for Montmagny-L'Islet (Mr. Berger).

I do not intend to go into detail this afternoon, since an application is before the courts by the hon. member, I assume under section 63 of the Canada Elections Act. It would appear, however, that there is some question as to the right of the hon. member to have voted on three occasions during this session, because while the official count in the