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told us this afternoon we shall find that as an immigration policy carried out by regulation in Canada it will be determined by the status of the economy of this country and the ability of Canada to absorb immigrants without detriment to those who are already resident here. We hope it will place those who come into our country in positions of employment with facilities for education which will enable them, immediately, to become first class citizens.

It was difficult to follow the whole of the announcement, but we also hope there will be no repetition of difficulties which have been felt so severely by some of those who are already citizens of this country, such as the Chinese and the East Indians. We appreciate the fact that an announcement has been made and trust that a full interpretation of the statement will be given at a later date and that all of us will have an opportunity to go thoroughly into the entire question of immigration and the granting of Canadian citizenship.

TRADE**EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET—INQUIRY AS TO PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he can inform the house whether the negotiations between Canada and the European common market for the removal of obstacles to trade are being conducted at the present time along the lines of those which have recently resulted in an important agreement on these lines between the United States and the European common market.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Our negotiations in GATT have been proceeding. In so far as the general import of the question is concerned, I think that at a very early opportunity the house will be made fully aware of what is being done in connection with this matter.

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Minister of Finance, and ask him if he would table a copy of the document forwarded by the United Kingdom to the Canadian government described as a summary of the speech made by the Lord Privy Seal of the United Kingdom on October 10 in Paris on the subject of the common market and referred to by him, according to the United Kingdom *Hansard*, as a full summary of that speech.

[Mr. Winch.]

Mr. Diefenbaker: I will look into the question asked by the hon. gentleman to determine whether or not an affirmative answer can be given.

Mr. McIlraith: I wonder whether the Prime Minister would also look into the question of tabling the full text of the speech as well.

URANIUM—INQUIRY AS TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED KINGDOM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Walter Pitman (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Would the minister comment on a report in the London *Economist* to the effect that Britain and Canada have reached a tentative agreement on the sale of 12,000 tons of uranium at a price of \$5.25 a ton and that the agreement will be signed by the end of January?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I would say that the report is purely speculative. I should like to report to the house that the British and ourselves are making progress in this matter and I hope it will not be long before we reach a satisfactory conclusion.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister a supplementary question. Can he give the house an assurance that immediately this contract is signed the government will take steps to allocate a contract to the producing companies?

Mr. Hees: As soon as the agreement is signed with the British government, Mr. Speaker, the Canadian government will certainly see to it that as soon as possible after that the mines are notified of the quantities that would apply to them.

GRAIN**WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO FINAL PAYMENT ON 1961 CROP**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): I wonder if I might direct a question to the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Hamilton). In view of the continuing need for additional payments to western producers is the Prime Minister in a position to say when the final payment on last year's wheat crop may be made? Will it be made at an early date?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): That matter is before the wheat board. Naturally, the payment will be made