

Oral Questions

Mr. Malone: Would the minister respond by saying whether he considers the tremendous increase in the number of quotas on imported food which have been lowered over the past year is part of that national food policy as it refers to honey, fruits, vegetables and particularly the tremendous increase in the importing of offshore beef from the oceanic countries?

Mr. Whelan: This minister has probably used the laws of this land more frequently than any other minister. When we used quotas in 1975, hon. members opposite said I was a very bad fellow. Then former President Ford triggered his meat import laws and used quotas, and that country has quotas on practically everything with which we compete. The hon. member should be aware that we will use quotas whenever the United States uses them. I used mine in a very fair manner when I invoked them against the United States. They retaliated and used them in a very unfair manner. We are looking forward to great things from the new administration in the United States.

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TRADE

LEVEL OF CHEESE IMPORTS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. John Wise (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It relates to the ongoing and mounting dissatisfaction and uncertainty in the Canadian dairy industry with respect to the unacceptable high level of 50 million pounds of imported cheese. Last year the former minister of industry, trade and commerce fortunately disregarded the advice of the Minister of Agriculture given on November 4, 1974 for doubling these amounts and acted on the appeals of the opposition by freezing imports for one year at the 50 million pound level. Would the minister clarify if reports in the press attributed to the chairman of the Canadian Dairy Commission that the freeze has been extended for an additional one year period are correct?

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[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the statement of the president of the Canadian Dairy Commission. I will inquire, but the hon. member should know that I generally get along quite well with my colleague the Minister of Agriculture.

[English]

Mr. Wise: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the government has adopted the generally accepted policy of compensating producers on the basis of the previous five-year averaging concept, would the minister give immediate and serious consideration to applying this principle in establishing a more acceptable and equitable basis for cheese import levels? Does he not recognize if such a principle were adopted our cheese import level would be somewhere around 38 million or 40 million pounds and the Canadian dairy industry would

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benefit by \$4 million and Canadian cheese manufacturers would have the opportunity to—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS*[English]***QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 96, 143, 155, 627, 703, 716, 739, 763, 834, 908, 912, 981, 1,035, 1,036, 1,096, 1,140, 1,144, 1,241, 1,370, 1,420 and 1,421.

[Text]

UIC—G. COUSINEAU

Question No. 96—Mr. Cossitt:

1. On what date was Mr. G. Cousineau appointed Chairman of the Unemployment Insurance Commission and on what date did he leave this position?
2. What was the total amount of money he received in (a) salary (b) expenses during his term of office and what portion was for travelling?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. Appointed June 29, 1972—Left May 27, 1976

2. (a) DM1 level salary range \$41,000—\$54,000 effective April 1, 1975. (b) \$20,161.62 of which \$16,737.15 was for travelling.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR—CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES—FISCAL YEAR 1975-76

Question No. 143—Mr. Orlikow:

1. For the fiscal year 1975-1976, what contracts for professional services were let (a) for studies, surveys and analyses into present or future policies, programs or information analysis, and their efficiency and effectiveness (b) into the examination of the administration or internal operation of the Department of Labour?
2. How much was committed on each contract and to whom?
3. What were the comparable figures for the fiscal year 1973-1974?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): 1. (a) M. Bossen—study of aspects of part-time work in Canada \$17,744. C. J. Connaghan—study of West German Industrial Relations \$2,987. Canadian Economic Systems Ltd.—study of industrial relations \$11,904. Iain Campbell—study of system for employment injury benefits \$8,875. Dr. J. Willard—advise on policy related to development of controls and post-controls \$3,976. G. McCaffrey—consulting on matters relating to the development of tripartite discussions concerning industrial relations \$27,600. (b) R. Smith—consultation on departmental objectives \$30,012. R. Weiler & Associates Ltd.—consult