

Inquiries of the Ministry

whether one country in particular is selling below the agreed price.

Mr. Horner: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the difficulty which exists, as the minister suggests, is the government prepared to guarantee to western farmers the floor price of a year ago of \$1.95½, as they did in the past year?

Mr. Pepin: This is a question of policy, Mr. Speaker, and it will be announced in due course, if it is found needed to do so.

[Translation]

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On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Could he tell the house whether the said Mr. Rossillon, recently charged with being an agitator, is now a naturalized Canadian?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is a question for the order paper.

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE**METHOD OF DEALING WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Is the minister intending to bring in the amendments to the Criminal Code under one bill, as formerly suggested by the Prime Minister, or does he intend to divide up the bill as he suggested?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I might say that there is no difference of opinion whatsoever.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Woolliams: Who said there was?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): It is the present intention of the government to bring in the bill as one bill. I will have more to say about that when the bill is introduced.

Mr. Woolliams: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister of Justice be prepared to table the recommendations and discussions with the attorneys general of the provinces in reference to these amendments to the code, which we appreciate have been submitted to his department?

[Mr. Pepin.]

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): At the recent meeting of the uniformity conference at the end of August there were meetings with most of the provincial attorneys general. Some of the attorneys general have indeed, as the hon. member suggested, written to the department. I would think at the appropriate time I might well consider that suggestion when the matter is before the house.

Mr. Woolliams: Just one further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister prepared to file those statements in the house at the appropriate time?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Before doing so, of course, I would have to communicate with the attorneys general, because their consent would be required.

FINANCE**STEPS TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE OF 25 CENT PIECES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. What steps does the Minister of Finance propose to take to overcome the extreme shortage of 25-cent pieces now in circulation? This matter causes great handicap and inconvenience to businesses large and small.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as hon. members know, we have changed to nickel coinage and there has been some hoarding of silver coinage in Canada. In order that we might have the Royal Mint devote its time to producing 25-cent pieces we recently agreed to purchase 75 million 10-cent pieces which are to be produced by the United States mint. This means that at the present time the Royal Canadian Mint is devoting its facilities to producing 25-cent pieces in order to meet any shortage existing in the country. I should point out that the shortage exists because some people in the country have been hoarding the silver coins which were in circulation.

Mr. Hales: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. This two-bit operation that the minister talks about—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hales: —is not overcoming the problem. Would the minister consider placing this order for the manufacture of extra quarters in some other country, maybe the United Kingdom?