

If so, with what result, and what action is to be taken?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker, it has been considered. Though we are watching the situation every day we have no evidence that United States turkeys are being imported into Canada at prices lower than they are being offered in the United States. So far as action is concerned, we have not yet decided to take any action except to keep the situation under constant surveillance.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NEWFOUNDLAND—PROPOSED CLOSING OF U.S. INSTALLATION AT ARGENTIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Defence Production. Notice of it was given yesterday by my colleague the hon. member for St. John's East. Would the minister tell the house whether the government has been advised of the reported plans to close down the big United States installation at Argentinia, Newfoundland?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Defence Production): The answer is no, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Defence Production, Newfoundland's friend in the federal cabinet.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): I want to make the hon. gentleman a little more comfortable in his lonely role—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Orders of the day.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted, with the consent of the house, to ask the President of the Privy Council about the business for next week? I have been trying to obtain this information for the last 20 minutes.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): As hon. members know, we shall continue with the committee stage of the

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Business of the House

Farm Improvement Loans Act bill today, to be followed by second reading and committee stage of the farm credit bill. There is to be a departure from the business as announced last night if the Chair would call item No. 21 on today's order paper, the white paper on anti-dumping. I believe there is general agreement in the house that this matter may be proceeded with this afternoon without delay.

Tomorrow we propose to go into committee of supply and take the estimates of the governor general, privy council, legislation and treasury board. On Monday, of course, the house will not be sitting. On Tuesday next we shall call second reading of the bill to amend the Post Office Act and, on disposing of that, we will proceed to second reading of the bill to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act, and to the committee stage of that bill. On Thursday next we would call the resolution preceding the official languages bill and on Friday next we would call estimates, the actual estimates to be called to be the subject of discussion with hon. members opposite.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Before Your Honour calls orders of the day, may I rise on a point of order. I wish to ask, Mr. Speaker, how any hon. member can direct questions to the ministry if they are not accepted by those ministers who are in their seats on behalf of other ministers. The Prime Minister today, I submit, refused to answer a question of mine which was legitimate. The Acting Minister of Transport refused to give an answer. My question is, how is one to direct urgent questions to the ministry if ministers are not to be in their seats?

Mr. Speaker: I point out to the hon. member that the subject matter of his point of order took from 20 to 30 minutes of the time of the house yesterday.

TRADE

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF WHITE PAPER ON ANTI-DUMPING

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That the white paper on anti-dumping tabled on September 20, 1968, be referred to the standing committee on finance, trade and economic affairs.

Motion agreed to.