

house this afternoon, and he will make a statement at the earliest possible moment on the consultations, and on any decisions taken resulting from them.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Does your question deal with sugar?

Mr. Gregoire: No, Mr. Speaker.

[Text]

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): A supplementary question. A week or so ago, the Minister of Justice told us his officials are studying the situation in England where there is a sugar board and where long term contracts have been instituted. Has he anything further to report to the house as to the adaptability of this system to Canada?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice): The director of research and investigation did go to London and did have talks with the chairman of the board there. Those talks were satisfactory. The Minister of Trade and Commerce dealt with them in his statement, and I should not like to add to what was said at that time.

REQUEST FOR PROMOTION OF GREATER
DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Real Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture, I direct my question to the hon. candidate for the office of minister of agriculture for the east.

Considering the prohibitive price of sugar due to our inadequate national production in that field, does the government intend to give some impetus to sugar beet growing in Canada?

Hon. Rene Tremblay (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I shall call the attention of the Minister of Agriculture to the problem raised by the hon. member for Villeneuve.

[Text]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

QUEBEC—CLAIM TO OWNERSHIP OF ISLANDS
IN HUDSON BAY

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources a question?

Has the minister received from the province of Quebec a request concerning the ownership

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of the islands located in Hudson bay and James bay, in territorial waters, that is within the three mile limit at low tide?

[Text]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): No, sir; no such request has come to my attention.

QUEBEC—REQUESTS FOR TENDERS NOT IN
FRENCH LANGUAGE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Robert Beaulé (Quebec East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources a question. Could the minister tell the house why the tenders called for the drilling to be done under the Dufferin terrace were not published in the French language newspapers, and particularly in those of Quebec city?

[Text]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): I will take the question as notice, and I hope to give a reply to my hon. friend as soon as possible.

PUBLICATIONS

COMPETITION WITH CANADIAN EDITIONS OF
U.S. MAGAZINES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he can give a reply to the question I raised regarding the grievous position, or whether there is a grievous position, of Canadian publications at the present time, on which the government may intend to act.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This matter is still under consideration. I hope to make an announcement with regard to possible government policy in this field in a few days, perhaps toward the end of the next week.

Mr. Fisher: A supplementary question. I base it upon the fact that most of us are still getting representations about this matter. I should like to ask the Prime Minister directly whether he feels that there is indeed a grievous situation here, in economic terms, for these publications.

Mr. Pearson: I am informed by those who are qualified to speak for the publications in question that there is indeed a serious economic situation.