

other day, that work is not completed and it will take some time because it is necessary to trace through the economy the effects of the tax reductions proposed in the budget. Obviously, these did not apply to stocks on hand at the time the budget was presented to the House so I think it is clear why it would take some time for the work to be completed.

Mr. Stanfield: Can the minister explain why it takes four months to do this and will he indicate when we are going to get that report, or is it just a figment of his imagination?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nielsen: Even the price of figs has gone up.

Mr. Gray: Mr. Speaker, I have tried to explain in as simple terms as possible to my hon. friend that we have to appraise the effects of the budget proposals on a large number of different categories of goods at different levels of trade, and I think it should be obvious even to my hon. friend that this would take some time.

An hon. Member: A housewife could do it in an hour.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE CABINET

Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Does he expect to be able to announce to this House, before the adjournment in July, the name of the future Governor General of Canada, or does he intend to make a recommendation concerning this to Her Majesty the Queen during her visit in Ottawa at the beginning of August, on the occasion of the Commonwealth meeting?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not think that I shall be able to make an announcement regarding such a recommendation before the end of July, but I intended to do so in August. Of course, I welcome the proposal of the hon. member that I consider discussing this with the Queen at that time, provided I feel prepared to do so.

Mr. Cyr: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

Is the name of a French-Canadian, which could eventually be suggested to Her Majesty the Queen, on the list of eligible candidates for the position of Governor General?

Oral Questions

[English]

IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR DEPORTATION OF CERTAIN GYPSIES WHO ENTERED CANADA IN APRIL

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Can the minister now report to the House on my question yesterday requesting the deportation of a group of gypsies who are presently victimizing people in western Canada?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as a result of the hon. member's representation an investigation has been started into this matter. I might draw to his attention, however, that the gypsy families recently examined, I believe on May 7, in Montreal have already been ordered deported and have appealed to the Immigration Appeal Board; therefore the matter, for the time being at least, is out of my jurisdiction. If the investigation now under way reveals that our national interests would be best served by their prompt removal from Canada, all I can and will do is to recommend to the appeal board that priority be given to the hearing of their appeals.

Mr. Stewart (Marquette): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Solicitor General. Has the Solicitor General requested the Minister of Manpower and Immigration to have this band of gypsies deported, as they impose a heavy demand on the RCMP in having to tail them back and forth across Canada?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, but I will check it out.

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, when an appeal is made, due process of law has to take place and I cannot interfere.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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GRAIN

REQUEST THAT CHARGES AGAINST FARMERS FOR OVERDELIVERIES BE WITHDRAWN IN LIGHT OF PRESENT OPEN QUOTAS

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice who is in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. Now that there is an open delivery quota for wheat, oats and barley, is the government prepared to drop its charges against farmers who made small overdeliveries?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, each individual case of an offence against the regulations is examined on its own merits and no blanket policy is adopted. The quota regulations are good and desirable regulations, and the fact that at a later time in a given quota the year may become open is no ground for a blanket policy.