

Inquiries of the Ministry

although I question whether it would be very helpful for the boys on the teams concerned if the government were to make representation to Mr. Ahearne.

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. While the minister is checking into that matter, could he also check into the situation of the Ottawa Peewee Hockey Team which is being prevented from playing in Finland over the Christmas season for the same reason?

An hon. Member: You are offside, Bob.

Mr. Munro: Yes, I will.

[Later:]

CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR KAMLOOPS
BANTAMS TO PLAY AT LAHR AND BADEN

Mr. Len Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo): Really, you know, the importance of this is that these teams have gone over to these European countries at tremendous expense as ambassadors for Canada. My supplementary to the Minister of National Defence is this: can he advise the House whether contingent arrangements to play Canadian teams at Lahr and Baden have been confirmed for the Kamloops Bantam Hockey Team?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): My understanding is that they have been and that the teams will be most welcome at these two Canadian locations.

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GRAIN

POSSIBLE LOSS DUE TO CROP UNDER SNOW—
PROCEDURE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF QUOTA

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board, which is similar to the question asked by the hon. member for Marquette about a month ago. He asked the minister to check into the amount of grain that is lying under snow and whether any government policies will apply to the people whose grain is under snow. May I also ask at the same time whether people whose crops are under snow will lose their quotas as a result of the A and B quotas being cancelled?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have spoken to the Canadian Wheat Board about the latter subject which the other hon. member previously asked about, and they have indicated that it will be their policy to examine especially those cases in which, because of factors beyond the farmer's control, he could not deliver his quota of grain. They will extend the quota in such cases. This will apply specifically to barley under snow with respect to which the quota was terminated on December 10.

• (2:50 p.m.)

Mr. Korchinski: May I ask whether these people will have to make specific applications or whether the procedure will be automatic?

[Mr. Munro.]

Mr. Lang: Of course they will have to make specific applications. The Wheat Board does not know who they are until they apply.

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TRANSPORT

INCREASE IN FREIGHT CHARGES ON IMPORTED FEEDS—
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. It was prepared for the Minister of Transport who was sent a telegram today protesting unprecedented increases in freight charges related to the importation of feed. Since it seems likely we shall adjourn, and the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture is to meet next week, would the Minister of Agriculture confer with the Minister of Transport with a view to making a statement when we come back on Tuesday?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice.

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INDUSTRY

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO PACT—POSITION OF
GOVERNMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister clarify the statement he made yesterday to the effect that United States complaints with respect to the auto pact safeguards might be justified, by informing the House which of the two safeguards he had in mind?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Perhaps I can send the hon. member a transcript of the whole press conference. If he wants to read it and then ask a question, I will answer his question gladly.

Mr. Broadbent: Since I assume the Prime Minister does not intend to answer, I will ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether the government has yet reached a decision on abandoning either or both of the safeguards in the auto agreement.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): No, Mr. Speaker, we have not yet reached a decision. But I assumed, when I read the report of the press conference, that the Prime Minister was referring to the two safeguards, the ratio, and the Canadian value added provision. Everybody knows that these have been so outshot by the success of the agreement in Canada that they have no more practical value. The hon. member knows that. Everybody does.

AUTOMOBILES—POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF PRODUCTION
OF PONTIACS FROM STE. THÉRÈSE TO UNITED STATES

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Can the minister tell the House whether he has received notification from General Motors Corporation of Canada concerning