

tion, that there have been difficulties with respect to construction as a result of weather and other conditions and it is possible there may be a delay. If there is a hard frost, however, I understand that construction will proceed throughout the winter months.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, the minister did not answer the second part of my question about the present estimated cost upon completion. Perhaps when he answers that he could indicate how much oil it is now contemplated will be going through that extension on a daily basis when it is completed in light of the revision of our oil reserves and export policies, that sort of thing. Does the government now estimate it will have to begin making deficiency payments with respect to this pipeline right off the bat?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, I will attempt to get the figures the Leader of the Opposition is asking for on the increased costs that may be associated with any delay but I have not got them at present. As to the throughput of the line, I expect there will be 250,000 barrels a day moving through that line before the end of next year.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

QUEBEC CRIME PROBE—REASON FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN JURISDICTIONAL CHALLENGE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister in the absence of the Minister of Justice. Having regard to the exceptional manner in which the crime probe in the city of Montreal has operated and received national approbation, can the Prime Minister tell the House why, in the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada on the part of certain individuals who did not want to give evidence before that commission, the government of Canada joined with those alleged Mafia and unsavoury characters in arguing that the probe was not within the jurisdiction of the government of Quebec.

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this is a very simple matter of the law. If the hon. member looks at the BNA Act he will find that criminal law comes within federal jurisdiction.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, did the Prime Minister not think that the Supreme Court of Canada was aware of that elementary law to which he alluded? Did he not think they possessed the intelligence to understand that? Why, then, did the government of Canada throw its weight behind these alleged thugs in order to set aside the probe so beneficial to the revelation of wrongdoing?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, when the jurisdiction of the government of Canada is thought to be infringed by any provincial action or legislation—

Mr. Diefenbaker: Aha!

Mr. Trudeau: Aha!

Mr. Hees: It's Friday morning.

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Mr. Trudeau:—it is the current practice of the government of Canada to step in, to defend that aspect of its jurisdiction, and this has nothing to do with who happens to be under suspicion. We are not of that category of people who believe, as the hon. member presumably does, that it is the duty of the police to inform the press of the investigation they are conducting.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Shame!

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, was this done because the government feared that some revelations might bring out certain things the government did not want to have released?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, it is perhaps possible that during the tenure of the right hon. gentleman as Prime Minister something would have been discovered, but we are not afraid.

Mr. Diefenbaker: No, no. You prevented the court from acting. That was cowardly. You would not find anything during my period to indicate wrongdoing.

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TRADE

REASON IMPORTS OF AUTOMATIVE PARTS FROM UNITED STATES GREATER THAN CANADIAN EXPORTS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a hard act to follow. My question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In his absence—he is in France on an important mission—may I address the question to the acting minister, who was the minister responsible when these things happened. Why is it that during the first nine months of this year Canada increased its exports of automotive parts to the United States by only 10 per cent, when the economy of that country was recovering rapidly, while, at the same time, the United States was able to increase its exports of the same products to this country by twice that amount when the economy of our country was flat?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that the hon. gentleman has not looked at the statistics. If he had been watching the situation he would have realized that the United States automobile market was a lot flatter than the Canadian market.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. That is a complete misstatement, because the American economy has been recovering rapidly, particularly the automotive sector, as the minister knows. I ask, as I once headed this distinguished department, what has happened to this once great department which used to pride itself on being the greatest salesman in the world but now seems to have lost its touch.