

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

States authorities, either directly or indirectly, make known to him or his department the fact that this man had been convicted of offences involving moral turpitude?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I was the minister responsible at the time of the admission of this man into Canada. I did approve of that admission with full knowledge of the facts, but not with any pressure from any government of which I am aware.

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**FINANCE****AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT—REMISSIONS TO COMPANIES UNDER MACHINERY PROGRAM—ALLEGED FAILURE TO REPORT TO PARLIAMENT**

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, my most of the time friend, the hon. member for York South, asked me yesterday what the reason was for the failure to report individual remissions over \$1,000 under the machinery program as required by Section 17 of the Financial Administration Act, deplored by the Auditor General at page 107 of his report. The "reason" is simply that the practice followed in 1971 was the same as the practice in previous years. There are approximately 17,000 remissions per annum under the machinery program of my department, and it would be impractical to list them all in the public accounts. What we do is list the numbers of the Orders in Council covering these remissions. The information requested is available at the statutory instruments office in the Varette building on Albert Street.

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**CONSUMER AFFAIRS****ALLEGED EXCESSIVE MARKUPS ON SCOTCH WHISKEY BY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS**

**Mr. Thomas S. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has the minister received complaints that higher markups are charged on Canadian Scotch whiskey by Canadian liquor boards, which are contrary to GATT? If so, has the minister any good word as to lower prices for Scotch whiskey that will bring happiness and be of interest to all hon. members?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure there is urgency to this question—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** —but there appears to be general interest in the House. Hon. members appear to be very anxious to hear the minister's response.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of this, but I will look into it at lunch over a glass of wine and advise accordingly.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Mr. Baldwin.]

**INDUSTRY****TOBACCO—SUCCESS OF MISSION TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**Mr. Charles Turner (London East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Recently a Canadian tobacco mission travelled to the People's Republic of Canada—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Turner (London East):** —the People's Republic of China.

**Mr. Hees:** You had it right the first time.

**Mr. Turner (London East):** Is the minister in a position to tell the tobacco farmers of southwestern Ontario whether or not this mission has been successful?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes. A sale of approximately \$1 million worth of Canadian tobacco will be made to China, due to the efforts of the tobacco industry and of my department.

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**INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. As the Leader of the Opposition was introduced in North Battleford last night by one of the Prime Minister's colleagues, Senator Sparrow, as the next Prime Minister of Canada, was it on Senator Sparrow's advice that the Prime Minister decided last week not to call a general election?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**An hon. Member:** Sparrow is for the birds.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby.

**Mr. McIntosh:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby. There could hardly be a supplementary to that question that would be in order.

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**INDUSTRY****TARIFF REMISSION ON MICHELIN TIRE IMPORTS—POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT FOR OTHER TIRE MANUFACTURERS**

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In reply to a question put to him yesterday by the hon. member for Waterloo, the minister stated that an offer by his department to tire companies other than Michelin embodied the same tariff remission concessions that were offered to the Michelin company. I was