Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: The member has made representations to the minister, and I take it for granted that they will be taken into consideration immediately.

[*English*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN FRANCE BY QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Prime Minister. It relates to the fact that several weeks ago the Secretary of State for External Affairs stated that the government was examining the announcement made by the French minister of information with regard to the establishment of an intergovernmental department between the province of Quebec and the government of France. In view of the fact that one Maurice Jacquinot has been appointed by the Quebec minister of youth and sports to establish an office of his department in Paris and that this same Maurice Jacquinot has also assumed the post of secretary general of the political action committee for the independence of Quebec in France as announced in Paris—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I wonder whether the hon. member would ask a question. It seems to me he is making a speech at the present time.

Mr. Thompson: My question is simply this. Has the government made a decision regarding the constitutional validity of such an office in a foreign country, particularly when the man appointed to that office is also acting on behalf of a separatist organization, as the hon. member for Lapointe announced?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to say about the man himself who is alleged to have been appointed. I do not know anything about him. However, it is not unusual for provincial governments to have representatives of departments of those governments in foreign countries.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell us if the money coming from France for a political movement is more closely watched than that coming from large American and British industries which contribute to the election funds of the two main

[Mr. Laprise.]

political parties, even to those of the party of the hon. member for Red Deer?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

[*English*]

FARM MACHINERY

CONSIDERATION BY ROYAL COMMISSION OF WAGE DEMANDS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. According to news reports the workers in the farm implement industry will be seeking wage adjustments similar to those achieved by the united auto workers. Can the Prime Minister give us an assurance that an unwarranted increase in the prices of farm machinery will not take place as a result of this demand?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, all I can say on that point at this moment is to call my hon. friend's attention to the fact that the question of parity of wages in the automotive industry was linked with productivity.

Mr. Jorgenson: Would the Prime Minister refer the implications of this demand to the commission that is currently studying the price of farm machinery?

Mr. Pearson: I would be glad to do that, Mr. Speaker. I would think that would be one of the matters they certainly would be discussing, but I would be glad to bring my hon. friend's remarks to their attention.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Solicitor General, in his capacity as acting government house leader, to indicate, for the purpose of good order and preparation, what the government's intentions are for Monday and Tuesday in so far as the work of the house is concerned?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, it is proposed to call item No. 35 on the order paper, second reading of Bill No. C-164, to amend the Industrial Development Bank Act. This will be followed by item No. 4, third reading of Bill No. C-150, to establish the Canada manpower and immigration