

seek assurances that Imperial's action will not ultimately result in the closing of the Shell Oil refinery in Winnipeg?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (Mr. Marchand) replied on October 18 last to a question put by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland), his only negotiat-

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ing power, in his capacity as minister, is to offer a grant to a plant locating in a designated area.

However, the minister has assured me that when an opportunity occurs, he will gladly pass on to the management of Imperial Oil the representations the hon. member for Selkirk has just made in the House.

[*English*]

At 10:25 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
