

*Inquiries of the Ministry***POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT****PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.—TAPE MONITORING OF
TELEPHONE CALLS**

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Postmaster General. Did he or any of his officials authorize the monitoring by automatic tape recorder of telephone calls made in the Post Office at Prince Rupert?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question, if it is in order, normally should be placed on the order paper.

INDUSTRY**AUTOMOBILES—CANADIAN PRODUCTION SOLD
AT LOWER PRICES IN U.S.**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Can he advise the house why Canadian made cars continue to be sold in the United States at lower prices than the same Canadian made cars are sold in Canada, keeping in mind the sales tax and the exchange rate?

Mr. Speaker: I would think that the question as asked is not in order. The hon. member is asking for an expression of opinion, and when he asks a question in this particular form it seems to me it is not in order.

Mr. Hales: Then may I ask the minister if it is a fact that Canadian made cars are being sold at a lower price in the United States than in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: I hesitate to tell the hon. member that it is not in order to ask the minister to confirm or deny a statement. Perhaps he might reflect on the situation and find an alternative way to ask the question.

Mr. Hales: May I try again, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise the house what steps he is taking so that Canadian made cars will be sold at the same price in Canada as in the United States?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I prefer to answer the second try, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The third, or nothing at all. The hon. member for Selkirk.

FARM MACHINERY**REQUEST FOR ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of [Mr. Speaker.]

Agriculture. Is he in a position to clarify briefly his earlier statement in the house as to whether there will be an interim report from the Barber Royal Commission on farm machinery prices?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, within the time limits imposed I welcome the opportunity to try to clarify the replies I have made to a number of questions respecting this matter, going back to November. Mr. Speaker, an interim report on farm machinery prices in Canada compared with those in England and other countries, prepared by the royal commission, was presented to the Canadian Agricultural Conference in March. It was expected—and this is what I would like to clear up—that a further study of pricing practices would be presented to me in April. However, because of further information which has come to hand the commissioner advises it would be some time yet before he would be able to complete this study.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**LEGISLATION RESPECTING INDUSTRIAL
INCENTIVES**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the government house leader whether he can say when legislation will be presented on industrial incentives by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion? The question is urgent because it is reported there will be a lag in development funds because of the phasing out of existing programs. Is the government house leader in a position to assure the house that we will deal with this before the summer recess?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I cannot give that or any other assurance in this regard. I would invite the Leader of the Opposition to address his question to the appropriate minister, when he is here.

TRADE**WHEAT—AUSTRALIAN AND RUSSIAN SALES
TO U.K.**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Can the minister confirm whether the sale of 9 million bushels of wheat by Australia and Russia for delivery to the United Kingdom this summer will effectively displace shipments out of Churchill.