

*Oral Questions*

tralisation of the CBC has the Secretary of State re-examined the position of the Corporation with a view to allowing greater latitude for local programs within the Corporation?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** I think the hon. member should update his information. One of the more significant things the Corporation has done in the last two years has been to decentralise, and this is manifest by new buildings in Vancouver, prospective buildings in Regina, etc. all designed to support local programming.

**Mr. Friesen:** I should like to update the information in the possession of the Secretary of State: I received complaints yesterday with respect to farm programs which have been deleted from CBC programming, and this is one area of local representation which has been lost.

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[Translation]

**FISHERIES****ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH SEAL HUNT—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Albert Béchard (Bonaventure-Îles-de-la-Madeleine):** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a question of the Minister of State for Fisheries. I wonder if he has read the question I put to him last week which was answered in part by the Minister of the Environment. If not, I can put it again. It appears at page 11901 of *Hansard* and reads as follows: Has the minister or his officials now any control over the members of the Greenpeace Foundation or other characters of the same kind who are at present engaged in illegal interference, this time on the ice of the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence where the seal hunt is taking place?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the measures which were taken proved effective since both protest movements seem to have given up. In the meantime, I would invite them to read scientific reports and refrain from publishing half-truths as they do.

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**AGRICULTURE****POSSIBILITY OF WORLD FOOD SHORTAGE**

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I am aware that all my colleagues are pleased that I ask a question of general interest. My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture.

I view of the fact that the Minister of Agriculture has just said a moment ago that the problem of industrial milk producers is connected with a world surplus, could the minister tell the House whether the world population is saturated with this product and that there is no need to meet, or whether there is a lack of consumer purchasing power, either at the national or the international level?

[Mr. Friesen.]

[English]

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, it would be difficult to say there would not be some place in the world where there would be a need for this product but it is not at all easy to distribute unless those countries want it, because they have the sovereign right to say what they want for their people who happen to be in need; you just don't throw it at them and hope they accept it like some scraps we are distributing. The world price of skim milk powder is little over one third of what it was two years ago. Under our CIDA program and our other aid programs we have offered assistance to distribute this product in any fashion as long as it can be put to proper use.

[Translation]

**WORLD CONFERENCE ON FOOD NEEDS—DISCUSSION OF CANADIAN MILK PRODUCTS**

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** On a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

As once against this year the Minister of Agriculture attended a world conference on food needs, can the minister tell the House whether milk was discussed, with regard to feeding the peoples of the world and whether possible exchanges of dairy products on the one hand, and various products from other countries, on the other, excluded milk products, or whether the discussions dealt with exchanges capable of meeting the needs of humanity as well in Canada as in other countries of the world?

[English]

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, the nutritional aspect of food aid was certainly discussed at great length and one of the ways in which people can get proper nutrition is by being in a position to feed themselves. Canada is doing a tremendous job in helping them set up their own dairy herds and other production entities in those countries.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**CENSUS****TABLING OF CENSUS COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS**

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I have the honour to table copies, in both official languages, of the 1976 census of Canada Census Commissioners' appointments.

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**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to the tabling of documents. Yesterday, the Secretary of State for External Affairs signed an important extradition treaty with the American ambassador. I would have assumed that because of the nature of the material and its importance to our country it would