

Questions

secretary manager of the federation. The third, dated October 9, was to the federation president.

In a telegram and two letters I have now received from Canadian turkey federation representatives a question was raised as to the current level of protection on live turkeys in relation to protection on the eviscerated product. This question is now under consideration by the government in the light of Canada's vital interest in maintaining as unhampered access as possible to existing and potential markets beyond our borders, and in the light of our obligations under the GATT. When a decision has been reached it will be announced later in the usual way.

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a brief question I should like to direct to the Minister of Agriculture in regard to the statement he made on motions. I should like to ask the minister whether he has received a letter from the Canadian turkey federation dated October 8, 1964 and, if so, would he table it?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): I will be glad to look into this, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

MARINE INDUSTRIES LTD.—GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Question No. 1,810—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

1. Is Marine Industries Limited being retained by the federal government to purchase vessels for the government outside of Canada and, if so, what are the names and addresses of the individuals comprising the board of directors of Marine Industries Limited, Sorel, Quebec?

2. What is the total amount of contracts awarded this firm by the federal government in the fiscal year 1963-64 and to date for the fiscal year 1964-65?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): 1. No.

2. In so far as the Department of Transport is concerned: (a) fiscal year 1963-64, \$1,665,381.32; (b) fiscal year 1964-65, from April 1, 1964 to August 31, 1964, \$14,360,050.82.

In so far as the Department of Public Works is concerned:

While there have been no contracts for purchase of vessels the following contracts

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for dredging have been awarded to Marine Industries Ltd.

1963-64 dredging, Nicolet River, P.Q., \$10,672.74, completed; 1963-64 dredging, Sorel, P.Q., \$22,374.24, completed, 1964-65 dredging, Ste Angele de Laval, P.Q., \$27,320.

In so far as the Department of Defence Production is concerned:

The total amount of contracts awarded by the Department of Defence Production was \$610,726.49 in 1963-64 and \$2,341 in the 1964-65 fiscal year to date.

CONTENTS OF BOX IN R.C.M.P. CAR

Question No. 1,827—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Did three men using a green sedan owned by the R.C.M.P. bearing licence number 722-41-2, carry a metal container into 50 Walton street, Toronto on June 23, 1964 and, if so, what was contained in the box?

2. Were the contents of the box for the purpose of recording or listening to telephone conversations?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): With reference to part 1 of question 1,827, I would like to state that in answer to question 1,494, item 2, asked by Mr. Orlikow on July 13, Mr. Macdonald, my parliamentary assistant, answered on August 26 last and stated that the duties of the R.C.M.P. on the date of June 23 to which he refers, were of a confidential nature and which is not in the public interest to disclose, and my answer to the present question must be the same as the one referred to above.

In answer to the second part of question 1,827 by Mr. Orlikow, the three men did not carry any equipment designed or intended for recording or listening to telephone conversations.

STUDY OF EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL NOISE

Question No. 1,841—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

1. Is the government conducting or supporting research into the effects on humans of industrial noise and, if so, at which institutions and under whose direction is such research being conducted?

2. What is the specific object of each study presently under way?

3. What is the annual cost to the government of such research?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): 1. Under the national health grants program the Department of National Health and Welfare is providing approximately \$10,500 this year in support of research into perceptive deafness at the hard of hearing and vestibular clinic, St. Michael's hospital, Toronto, under the direction of Dr. J. A. Sullivan.