

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, I intend to transfer this question for discussion at ten o'clock tonight.

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to ask the Secretary of State in accordance with standing orders.

Is he aware of the suggestions made by the St. Jean Baptiste societies of Quebec concerning co-operative federalism and does he intend to study the proposed suggestions made by these societies on this subject?

Mr. Pigeon: Yes, or no, it is easy.

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Mr. Speaker: It strikes me that if the first question asked, which is certainly delicate to say the least, is to be put on the order paper, the second question should also follow suit.

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

As co-operative federalism would be tantamount to national suicide, is it the intention of the minister to bring forward a more logical formula?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, this question evidently does not come within my jurisdiction.

Mr. Pigeon: It is your proposition.

Mr. Lamontagne: Nevertheless, I should like to remind the hon. member that I am favourable to that proposition, just like Mr. Roblin.

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. What is the minister's opinion of the statement made by St. Jean Baptiste societies which disapprove of this policy?

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TRADE

TARIFF CONCESSIONS TO AUTOMOBILE FACTORIES
LOCATING IN QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Léon Balcer (Three Rivers): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

[Translation]

Could the minister tell us whether a final decision has been reached regarding tariff cuts in the case of the Renault and Peugeot companies, so that they might move into the province of Quebec?

[Mr. Speaker.]

[Text]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I shall have to take this question as notice; I am not aware of these negotiations.

COTTON—DUMPING DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Acting Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, on Friday last, as recorded at page 3980 of *Hansard*, the hon. member for Grey-Bruce asked me a question which reads as follows:

In view of the fact that the United States congress has taken action to provide a direct subsidy to the manufacturer of 6½ cents a pound on cotton, which means that the American manufacturer will receive the full raw cotton subsidy paid to foreign buyers, does the Canadian government intend to give consideration to applying dumping duty?

Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member will know, section 6A of the Customs Tariff provides that where, in the opinion of the governor in council, subsidized goods of a class or kind made or produced in Canada have been or may be directly or indirectly imported into Canada, such goods can be subjected to an additional duty on their importation equal to the amount of the subsidy. Whether imported goods are subsidized and the amount of the subsidy are questions of fact and the application of the section would depend on the circumstances of the individual case.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CYPRUS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PRESENT
POSITION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the very critical situation centreing on Cyprus, has the minister some word for the house with regard to more recent developments than those recorded in today's press?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the situation over the week end was critical. However, I am happy to say that representations that were made to countries involved seem to have been observed, and the situation now seems to have eased considerably.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the recent statement by Right Hon. Duncan Sandys that the United Kingdom may withdraw from Cyprus if no progress is made, has the minister received any communication from the government of Great Britain in this respect, or given consideration to this aspect of the matter?