

SPORTS

ASSISTANCE TO CANADIAN SKI PATROL

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the rapid approach of winter, may I ask if reconsideration will be given to assisting the Canadian Ski Patrol financially? This organization has won acclaim all over the world and will now have to cut back on its work if it cannot get assistance.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): We have not heard of any request made to the government by the Canadian Ski Patrol, Mr. Speaker.

TRADE

RECOMMENDATIONS TO U.S. CONGRESS
REGARDING TARIFF REDUCTIONS

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has the minister received from the United States government a detailed list of the recommendations made to Congress by the late President Kennedy in regard to tariff reductions, removal of non-tariff areas and other related matters which have a considerable effect on Canadian trade?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether it came from the United States government or the Canadian Embassy in Washington, but I have the list of presidential suggestions here. Generally speaking we consider that they are favourable in the sense that they would lead the United States toward freer trade with the world.

Mr. Harkness: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. After the minister and his officials have studied these proposals, would he make a statement on motions indicating to the House what is likely to be the effect on Canadian trade?

Mr. Pepin: I shall consider that, Mr. Speaker.

DECLINE IN EXPORTS TO GREAT BRITAIN

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact that up to last August Canadian exports to Britain had declined by \$35 million from a year earlier, is

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the minister taking any special steps to improve our export performance in this area?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is inviting the minister to make a statement which should be made on motions. The minister said he would consider doing so and I assume he will include the point raised by the hon. member.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMONWEALTH
CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs and is prompted by the recent and most welcome intimation that the government is studying a report on the establishment of a free trade area with Commonwealth countries of the Caribbean. Can the minister advise if any consideration is being given, even in a preliminary way, to exploring the possibility of closer relationships, even political union, with any of the smaller Commonwealth Caribbean islands?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): To the final part of that question, Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

CANADIAN PRICE OF FORD "MAVERICK"

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether his department is investigating the charge made by the Canadian director of the United Auto Workers that the Ford Maverick car produced at St. Thomas and exported to the United States is sold there for \$380 less than in Canada?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): This point has been raised on a number of occasions recently, Mr. Speaker. These things happen. It is quite possible that a company's general marketing policies give rise to this situation. It arises in other Canadian industries also.

Mr. Orlikow: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. If the charge is true, will the government reconsider its position under the United States-Canada auto pact?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question is hypothetical.