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to be tendered, I shall oblige on behalf of whoever wrote those words.

Mr. Fortin: I wish to point out the seriousness of the statements made in this publication and I shall quote from them briefly. I refer to the following sentence on page 46:

The Social Credit Rally is the former Quebec wing of the Social Credit party, which, outside Quebec, has now virtually disappeared from federal politics.

Since public funds are thus used to mislead the Canadian people and especially our younger generations, would the minister agree to request the immediate withdrawal of this book and to have it corrected so that Canadians will not be misinformed concerning the status of the Social Credit Party of Canada which is faring better than ever?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I could certainly crack a few good jokes on this subject, but I shall refrain.

I would simply like to repeat what I said a few moments ago, that I will peruse through the brochure and, again, if apologies are in order, I will make them.

Mr. Fortin: May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member may put a supplementary, but we must proceed with the question period because we will run out of time very shortly.

Mr. Fortin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The minister has undertaken to apologize if need be, but the situation is more serious than that.

Since in addition the English version differs from the French version, is the minister prepared to discontinue the distribution of the brochure and replace it with a new factual one?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, perhaps we might take measures which are somewhat less dramatic than those suggested by the hon. member. I read recently a booklet written by the leader of the Social Credit which contained a whole list of errata; perhaps we might use the same method with regard to this document.

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AGRICULTURE

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—POLICY RESPECTING PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS INTERFERING WITH FREE TRADE

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to return to the very important matter of free trade interprovincially in agricultural products. In view of the fact that Bill C-176 only comes into effect with the intervention of the provinces and some provinces have already indicated they will not support it in its entirety, will the Prime Minister indicate that the federal govern-

[Mr. Pepin.]

ment's policy, if this is its policy, is vigorously and strongly opposed to any provincial regulations interfering with the free movement of goods between provinces which constitutes a basic and cardinal principle of confederation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have done this several times. The latest time I did so in the presence of the provinces was at the federal-provincial meeting, the one before last. This whole matter was discussed. We were urged by the provinces to get along with Bill C-176 which the overwhelming majority of them thought was the proper solution to this problem.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: Of course, the opposition is really defeating its own purpose. It is criticizing the government for not having a policy when it is preventing that policy from at least being tried. I think the opposition is in a very sorry state in this regard.

Some hon. Members: Hear, Hear!

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The remarks of the Prime Minister are, of course, argumentative and should not be made. It would be equally argumentative for me to say we are in this mess because the government was too cowardly to do something about it some time ago.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not wish to limit supplementaries unduly, but I believe we should soon move on to another subject. We have spent about 15 minutes of the question period on this subject and we shall be running short of time. If hon. members feel this is in order, I might allow a supplementary to the hon. member for St. John's East. I believe the hon. member for Lotbinière has a supplementary also but for the moment the Chair will recognize the hon. member for St. John's East.

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—QUEBEC LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH BORDER CONTROL STATIONS—SUGGESTED DELAY

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I wish to pursue the matter, Mr. Speaker, because the Minister of Justice was attempting to answer my original question—which I shall now rephrase—but he did not catch Your Honour's eye. Will the government, using the residual powers it has under our constitution, ask the province of Quebec to cease and desist from the establishment of these inspection stations until the question has been resolved either by Parliament or the courts?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I do not know what power the hon. member has in mind. We do not have the power to effect regulations. As far as the power of reservation and disallowance is concerned, that has not been exercised by the federal government since