

Inquiries of the Ministry

any representations to the effect that the floating of the Canadian dollar has not resulted in a decrease in the prices of farm machinery?

Mr. Olson: No, not in that exact context—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is not in order. It is not sufficient to ask whether the minister has or has not received representations.

REPRESENTATION AT AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, may I also direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the announced intention of the government to hold an agricultural congress in the near future and the importance of that congress in view of the condition of Canadian agriculture, can the minister indicate whether all agricultural organizations will be represented and if an invitation will be extended to the members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that the members of the standing committee will be invited to attend, if not as delegates, at least as observers. I believe that was the arrangement worked out the last time, and it is what the members prefer. In so far as all agricultural organizations being invited is concerned, I cannot give an undertaking that every one of them will be invited. I know that we are trying to arrange for about 350 delegates. These invitations will be distributed as fairly as we can through the farm organizations in the country.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL SECURITY

EXISTENCE OF FLQ CELL IN PARIS

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister.

A few days ago an FLQ cell manifested itself in Paris, predicting that the organization will carry out further acts of violence in the coming weeks, and this, outside the province of Quebec, directing their attacks against air and railway transportation in Canada.

Has the government taken or is it taking steps to locate the Paris cell and does the government also intend to adopt measures to prevent acts of violence and sabotage in Canada's other provinces?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall see that the Solicitor General be informed of the facts reported by the hon. member.

Personally I would tend to believe those people belong to the "Pantoufle" cell set up by Michel Chartrand.

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[English]

RESEARCH

THE ARCTIC—CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED STATES IN SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have a question arising out of the summary and recom-

[Mr. Mazankowski.]

mendations of the seminar between Canadian and United States scientists with regard to Arctic research problems recently tabled in the House. I address my question to the President of the Treasury Board who reports to the House on scientific matters unless, because of the fact that social sciences are included, I should more properly address it to the Prime Minister. Has the government made a decision on whether it will accept the recommendation of this report for joint scientific studies by Canadian and United States scientists? If not, is the government seized of this matter? May we expect shortly a government decision on whether we will undertake co-operative research with the United States on the question of the management of the Arctic and the future of its population?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):

As I think members are aware, Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions going on for some time with the United States scientific authorities in connection with joint co-operative projects. I think it is realized that we both have a stake in the Arctic. Approaching these larger ecological problems by using the combined resources of both countries is likely to produce more effective results than our going it alone. We are conscious that in respect of the Arctic we have a particular and special proprietary interest. With this in mind we are continuing the examination of possible joint projects.

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HOUSING

ROCHDALE COLLEGE—TABLING OF FEASIBILITY STUDY—AMENDED MORTGAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question is for the minister responsible for housing. Is the minister prepared to table the feasibility study with respect to the operations of Rochdale College?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the situation of Rochdale College is being examined very carefully, in great depth and in consultation with others involved at the present time. I hope to be able to disclose the details of that examination and the possible decisions that will flow at the earliest possible time. That might be a matter of two or three weeks from now.

Mr. Ryan: Will the minister also be prepared to reveal the amended mortgage arrangements with the college at such time?

Mr. Andras: Yes, indeed, Mr. Speaker.

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GRAIN

PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT BOOKS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I have a question for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration who answers