

## INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—RENEWAL OF CANADA-U.S.  
AGREEMENT

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It is in connection with the United States-Canada car pact. Could the minister advise the house whether the letters of intent, or agreement, signed by the Canadian car manufacturers have been withdrawn or cancelled?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, if I know what the "letters of intent" referred to are, they were valid for a period of time and that period of time is now exhausted. We are now working on the basis of a less formal system.

**Mr. Hales:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister, under motions, give the house an up-to-date report on the review of the pact?

**Mr. Pepin:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. member for Wellington what he had in mind when he said "review"? It would be useful for me to know in preparing an answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We are now dealing with the question of the hon. member for St. John's East. The minister and the hon. member for Wellington might have a conference outside the house.

## WATER RESOURCES

PLACENTIA BAY, NFLD.—COMPENSATION TO  
FISHERMEN FOR LOSS THROUGH POLLUTION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Premier of Newfoundland said yesterday in St. John's that the federal government was consulted and approved of the opening of the phosphorus plant at Placentia Bay, will the government now fully accept its responsibility and justly compensate the fishermen of Placentia Bay who have been deprived of an income as a consequence of the pollution of that part of Newfoundland?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have some doubts as to the form of the question. But I

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believe the intent is clear enough, and perhaps the minister should be allowed to reply.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this question has been debated, or discussed, in various ways with the Minister of Fisheries. I am sure he will answer any such question when he is in the house.

**Mr. McGrath:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I am referring to a very strong statement made yesterday by the Premier of the province of Newfoundland in which he made a very serious charge, that in fact the government of Canada was responsible for the pollution of Placentia Bay. I think the Prime Minister owes the country, and certainly the fishermen of Newfoundland, an explanation.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Comox-Alberni.

**Mr. McGrath:** May I call it ten o'clock?

**Mr. Speaker:** Not now. The hon. member for Comox-Alberni.

**Mr. MacInnis:** The Prime Minister wants to call it ten o'clock.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Surely. I would love to.

**Mr. McGrath:** See you at ten o'clock.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. McGrath:** Make sure you are there, too.

## TRADE

STRAWBERRIES—MAINTENANCE OF IMPORT  
DUTIES

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. It is related to a question asked yesterday of the Minister of National Revenue by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West. I ask the minister whether he can inform the house what steps he has taken to meet the request of the B.C. Federation of Agriculture, made some three weeks ago, for the retention of import duties on strawberries during the 1969 season.

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I will have to take that question as notice. I was unaware that the hon. member for Fraser Valley West addressed that question to me yesterday.