

The farmers in my area are not buying new machines; they are operating the old ones. Any farm machinery dealer knows that his bread and butter comes from providing repairs on these old machines. I hope the government will take some action on this matter. If local machine companies are prepared to import new machines and develop new machines in Canada, because there are significant operations in western Canada of local companies and co-operatives, will the minister and the government not consider giving these companies support in terms of research and development so that they can compete more effectively with the companies that have been overcharging?

The hon. member for Mackenzie quite properly raised the matter of interest rates. The government should also give this matter serious attention at this time.

MANPOWER

TABLING OF REPORT, "SUMMER EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS IN CANADA, 1969"

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table, under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), the report of the Summer Employment Survey of Post-Secondary Students in Canada, 1969.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD POWERS, STUDIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Question No. 819—**Mr. Thomson:**

1. Is the National Energy Board empowered to regulate exports and imports of crude petroleum and/or petroleum products?

2. Is the National Energy Board empowered to regulate imports of electric power?

3. What special studies on energy have been conducted by the National Energy Board in co-operation with governmental and other agencies both in and outside Canada since 1967 and, with whom did the NEB co-operate in each case?

4. (a) Who are the five members of the National Energy Board and where did they work before their present employment (b) do any of the members have financial interests in the energy field and, if so, what are they?

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5. What are the (a) total reserves (b) commercially marketable reserves presently on hand of petroleum natural gas in Canada?

6. What are the (a) total reserves (b) commercially marketable reserves presently on hand in Canada of all other minerals or fuels which are marketed in Canada?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): 1. Not at the present time. Should the Governor in Council, pursuant to subsection 87(1) of the National Energy Board Act by proclamation extend the application of Part VI of the Act to oil, the effect would be, in the absence of exempting regulations, to subject the export and import of oil to the licensing control of the National Energy Board.

2. No.

3. Under the National Energy Board Act the Board is required to study and keep under review matters on which the Parliament of Canada has jurisdiction, relating to the exploration for, production, recovery, manufacture, processing, transmission, distribution, transportation, sale, purchase, exchange and disposal of energy and sources of energy within and outside Canada and to report thereon from time to time to the Minister. In carrying out this function, the Board is continually engaged in the study of matters relating to energy, many of which are carried out in conjunction with other government departments and agencies as well as with provincial authorities concerned. In most cases, the results of these studies are for the confidential information of the Government.

One major study which has occupied the Board's staff over the time period referred to in the question has been the preparation of a long-term energy forecast. This work was completed in 1969 and published as a document entitled "Energy Supply and Demand in Canada and Export Demand for Canadian Energy—1966 to 1990". In the preparation of this work, consultation took place with the federal Department of Transport and the Economic Council of Canada as well as with provincial departments and agencies in each of the Canadian provinces and with energy oriented industries throughout Canada.

Other studies included; an appraisal of future power supply alternatives for Prince Edward Island; an appraisal of system reliability of supply alternatives to Newfoundland; economic and technical feasibility studies related to the tidal power development in