

*Oral Questions*

view of the fact that both CN and CP are supposed to have plans to propose to the minister regarding reconciliation of rail transportation problems, I wonder whether the minister has seen those plans and read them and is able to advise the House if any recommendation was made to revive rail transportation passenger service in the province of Newfoundland.

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** I have not seen them yet, Mr. Speaker.

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**ENERGY****SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS—CONSIDERATION OF SAFEGUARDS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF POLICY**

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the report that Canada has placed a moratorium on a dozen proposed uranium export contracts and that discussions with South Korea on the sale of a CANDU nuclear reactor have also ground to a halt pending a nuclear safeguards policy by the government, would the minister advise the House whether a similar moratorium has been placed on the proposed sale of a CANDU reactor to Argentina?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the contract has already been executed with Argentina and it is at a different stage from the contract with Korea. However, the government of Canada and the International Atomic Energy Agency are both now in the process of negotiation with the government of Argentina respecting satisfactory safeguards. The sale to Argentina will be dependent upon the conclusion of an effective safeguards arrangement between the agency and Canada and that country.

**Mr. Leggatt:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the government finally comes to a conclusion regarding those safeguards, will this House be given an opportunity to debate their efficiency or effectiveness, and will the minister table the regulations or decisions that have been made regarding the safeguards policy for the consideration of this House.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, a statement of policy of that kind would certainly be made in the House.

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[Translation]

**AGRICULTURE****DAIRYING—REQUEST FOR BETTER PRICES FOR PRODUCERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister.

At the end of the 1974 election campaign, it was reported that a group of Liberal ministers promised that, if reelected, the Liberal government would take steps, the day after July 8, to increase the price of industrial milk, and that

[Mr. Marshall.]

such a price hike would be adequate to cover rising production costs.

Does the Prime Minister feel the prices now received by industrial milk producers are adequate to cover all production costs and leave a reasonable profit to encourage them to keep producing milk?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** If I am not mistaken, Mr. Speaker, the question calls for an opinion statement. The government, of course, feels it is doing the right thing; as regards that part of the question that may seek information from the government, I am taking note of it.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

I did not criticize what has been done, I merely asked if it was possible to do more. My supplementary is this: in order to prevent industrial milk producers from finding themselves in the same critical condition now faced by beef producers, can the Prime Minister give assurance to this House that measures guaranteeing this group of producers a fair and decent return will be introduced very soon?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member can expect the usual answer, that any measures would be announced the usual way in this House.

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[English]

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS****REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE CONSUMERS RECEIVE BENEFIT OF PRICE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN GRADE A AND GRADE C BEEF**

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to pose a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. What action does his department take in periods such as this, when the price paid to producers for C grade beef is considerably lower than that paid for A grade beef, to see that this differential is passed on to the consumers and that C grade beef is not being sold at A grade prices?

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, officials of my department and members of the board chaired by Mrs. Plumptre are presently studying the issue. I wish to thank the hon. member for having given me notice of his question which enabled me to do some checking. I can assure him that the Food Prices Review Board is to present a report on that other quality of beef meat within the next few weeks.