Inquiries of the Ministry

## ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

CIRCULATION OF GOLD COIN IN UNITED STATES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): While I am on my feet may I answer a question put to me the other day by the hon. member for Skeena, who asked whether I would consider having the \$20 gold coin to be produced next year by the mint made as a so-called proof coin, so that it might be allowed entry into the United States. We addressed a question on this subject to the United States authorities who gave us this opinion:

Since the Canadian \$20 gold coins will be struck for sale to collectors only and not intended for circulation, they will not be considered to be of exceptional numismatic value within the meaning of Section 54.20(d) of the Treasury Department Gold Regulations and will not be admissible for importation into the United States.

I am advised that the position would be no different if the gold coins were what the coin trade describes as proof coins.

## IMMIGRATION

CONDITIONS SURROUNDING ENTRY TO CANADA OF MEXICAN MENNONITES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I mentioned to the hon. member for Lisgar that I would make a report to him on the Mennonite cases in Manitoba to which he referred. I have received a preliminary report and investigation is being carried on. I hope to receive the complete report shortly, and I will answer the question at that time.

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister is considering his final report will he tell the house whether these immigrants in question have complied with the Canadian health regulations for crossing borders into Canada?

**Mr.** Marchand: We are inquiring into this, as well as the immigration aspects of the case, Mr. Speaker.

HIRING OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is it a fact that the minister's department has launched a program to hire 500 university graduates?

[Mr. Sharp.]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Not that I am aware of.

[Translation]

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

SEARCH OF PRIVATE HOMES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Solicitor General of Canada, but in his absence, could I direct it to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and ask him whether he or the cabinet have received a report on the search made by the R.C.M.P. in the home of a Mr. Denoncourt of Longueuil, during which political records and documents of a political party were seized?

[English]

## NATURAL GAS

REPRESENTATIONS BY TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES BEFORE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): My question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has the minister's attention been called to reports from Washington, regarding the Federal Power Commission's demand of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Company for substantiating evidence to show that the document that company presented to the F.P.C. is an authentic copy of the letter tabled by the minister. Has the minister been in communication with the F.P.C. over this question?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The copy of the letter in question unfortunately did not include a letterhead. A new copy of the original document, has been sent to the Federal Power Commission by the company.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister been requested to supply copies of the two other letters mentioned in the first letter which the Federal Power Commission is now demanding as substantiating evidence?

Mr. Pepin: Yesterday the government agreed to table all correspondence on this