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responsibility in this matter is to convey these representations to the railways, which I do on each occasion they are brought to my attention. Perhaps the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board might have a more complete answer.

GRAIN**WHEAT—ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM—
AVAILABILITY OF REGULATIONS**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that the planting season is rapidly approaching and that farmers will be seeding within the next week or so, can the minister inform the House when the regulations for operation LIFT will be in the hands of the farmers?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Very soon, Mr. Speaker.

NATIONAL PARKS**BONNE BAY, NFLD.—POSITION OF GOVERNMENT REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. On April 8 I asked if he would indicate his department's position with regard to the establishment of a national park in view of the white paper produced by the province of Newfoundland and he said he would give me an answer as soon as he had studied it. Would the minister now be prepared to give his views?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we have considered that problem and our position in the matter is always the same, it has not changed for two or three years. We are waiting for Newfoundland to decide which area it can make available to the federal government for the development of a second national park in that province.

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**CONSIDERATION OF PAYMENT FOR OVERTIME**

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Solicitor General if the government is now giving consideration to overtime pay for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

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Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, that question was raised by way of a suggestion in the standing committee of the House of Commons which was examining the estimates.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, as the member who raised the question there I am asking the Solicitor General for a direct answer. Is the government giving consideration to overtime pay for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, when the committee completes its work and reports back to the House the government will consider all the matters that have come before it.

AGRICULTURE**CANADIAN DAIRY COMMISSION—APPOINTMENT OF WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE**

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Is the government considering the appointment of a western representative to the Canadian Dairy Commission to replace Mr. L. A. Atkinson, the western representative who retired recently?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there are no vacancies on the Canadian Dairy Commission at the present time.

Mr. Dinsdale: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the growing concentration of the dairy industry in Ontario and Quebec, is it the government's policy to eliminate dairy farms on the prairies?

Mr. Olson: No, Mr. Speaker.

INDUSTRY**COMPANY SHUTDOWNS—PROVISION FOR ADEQUATE NOTICE AND FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the major lay-offs of employees at the Dunlop Tire plant and the Canadian General Electric plant, their allegation that foreign imports caused these shutdowns and also their refusal to participate in a feasibility study, would the minister consider legislation covering companies under federal jurisdiction that would set up machinery whereby companies would have to go through the process of a feasibility study and also would have to give adequate notice before shutting down?