

sent him out on his expedition and who, in one way or another, welcomed him when he came back and who gave him 10 pounds.

**Senator Doody:** Gave him 10 pounds! Some people in Newfoundland say he should have got 10 years!

**Senator Bosa:** It was not indexed.

**Senator Roblin:** I want to tell my honourable friend that I do not think he is upstaging me, but I can tell him that somebody right here is, because he knows more about John Cabot—

**Senator Doody:** Jack Cabot.

**Senator Roblin:**—than I am likely to know. I appreciate my honourable friend's intervention.

## AGRICULTURE

### SUGAR-BEET INDUSTRY—1983 STABILIZATION PAYMENT

**Hon. Gildas L. Molgat:** Honourable senators, I have another question on another subject for the Leader of the Government. It is one that I had asked questions about earlier this session, and that is the problem of a sugar policy for Canada. I want to thank the government for acting on my request that was made at that time and for agreeing to a temporary agreement in conjunction with the provinces which has permitted the sugar-beet industry in the west and in Quebec to continue. However, there remain two problems. One is the longer term problem of a Canadian sugar policy, but I understand that the government is moving on it, so I am not asking for an immediate reply, although I would hope that by September we will have a statement from the government.

There is an immediate problem, and that is the stabilization payment for the year 1983. From what I understand, this payment is normally settled in the fall of the year with the payment to come in the following spring. Surely, by this time there should have been a decision as to the payment for 1983. At the moment there does not appear to be a decision by the government. Would the Leader of the Government indicate when this decision might be made, and can we expect a reply before the house rises next week?

● (1430)

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I take it as being correct when my honourable friend says that no decision has been made for the year 1983, because I have no personal knowledge of that fact.

If that is so, it seems that someone may have been somewhat dilatory. I will do my best to find out what happened to the matter.

**Senator Molgat:** I thank the Leader of the Government. Could we hope to have an answer, one way or the other, next week, before we rise?

**Senator Roblin:** I always do my best for my honourable friends.

[Translation]

### REQUEST FOR ANSWER TO ORDER PAPER QUESTION

**Hon. Eymard Corbin:** Honourable senators, since we are now dealing with delayed answers to questions, I would like to ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate whether I can expect an answer before the end of the present session to written Question No. 7, in my name, which I presented on February 12 of this year. The question concerns a visit to Cairo by the Honourable Marcel Masse, Minister of Communications, in connection with a conference of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation. Several aspects of this question are of interest to me and particularly to my fellow Francophones in New Brunswick, since the Government of New Brunswick is one of the agency's participating governments.

At the conference, there was a discussion, or there was supposed to be a discussion, on the important issue of communications and exchanges among participating countries.

My question has been on the Senate order paper since February 12, and I have yet to receive any indication whether I will get an answer and when. There is a lot of activity at the present time in the field of communications and in connection with the expansion of television services in Canada. Discussions are being held by Mr. Masse with the Quebec Minister of Communications and with other parties, and I would like to know, and I think I have a right to know, what is being done in this area.

Would the Leader of the Government in the Senate have the kindness to enquire and let me know whether I will get an answer and when I can expect to receive it?

[English]

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I must tell my honourable friend that the matter to which he refers was referred to the department concerned at the time he raised the point.

I shall do my best to see whether I can get an answer for him before we rise.

## INVESTMENT CANADA BILL

### THIRD READING

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government), for Senator Kelly,** moved the third reading of Bill C-15, respecting investment in Canada.

**The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore:** Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Senator Frith:** On division.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed, on division.