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who saw and heard him was that government action was going to be taken in order to deal with the situation that Mr. Wagner has described as "a veritable state of emergency". That action can be taken by the convening of a royal commission on crime, and it would not be difficult to set one up.

Mr. Wagner indicated on February 26 that he is going to get this kind of co-operation from that provincial government, and that there is no reason to expect that there will not be the same kind of co-operation from the remainder of the attorneys general of the provinces. Therefore the minister can count on full co-operation in setting up a royal commission on organized criminal activities in this country. I had some doubt after the last federal-provincial conference that Mr. Wagner and the Quebec government would provide that degree of co-operation regarding a royal commission; but after the expression by Mr. Wagner, and the alternative to it of an interpol system, I am glad to know that he has come out in full support of the idea of a royal commission on crime. In this regard the minister need have no qualms that, in my view, the suggestion would meet with any thing but wholehearted acceptance, not only by the province of Quebec but by the others.

I was disappointed not to have received answers to the questions I have placed on the order paper. I should have liked to see those answers today; however, I can wait a little longer. In the interim I have one or two other questions I should like to ask dealing with specific companies and current matters, coincidentally, in the province of Quebec.

Mr. Favreau: Yes, coincidentally.

Mr. Nielsen: What does the President of the Privy Council say?

Mr. Favreau: I said, coincidentally in the province of Quebec. I do not know why you always insist on saying that.

Mr. Nielsen: The companies to which I have reference happen to be incorporated and operating in the province of Quebec. I am sure when the Minister of Justice answers the question I have on the order paper he will deal with those companies mentioned in Toronto, Hamilton, Edmonton and Vancouver, and that other names of companies and other material will then come to light.

[Mr. Nielsen.]

I should like to ask the minister to refer to his officials in order to obtain replies to my questions on the order paper, in so far as they relate to these companies in Montreal; Bercy Construction; Provost Construction, Omer Construction; Taillon Construction, and Deauville or Douville Construction. I mentioned last Friday the name of the Scalia Development Company. I think it is important that the minister refer these particular companies to his officials. I think it may be of importance for his officials perhaps to act in liaison with the Montreal police officials and the Quebec attorney general's department in so far as these companies are concerned.

• (9:50 p.m.)

Mr. Cardin: We may not be able to get that information for tomorrow.

Mr. Nielsen: I doubt very much that I will have the questions I have put on the order paper answered by tomorrow. But these are companies that figure in current events in the city of Montreal in the province of Quebec. I will let the matter rest there, in the hope that I can obtain from the minister answers in so far as they relate to these specific companies, and I would hope that when the questions are answered they will be fully and accurately answered in so far as the remainder of the companies and the trustees are concerned.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, may I ask the hon. member a question? The Minister of Justice of Quebec, Mr. Wagner, said during the week end that if the hon. member for Yukon knows something about the fraudulent bankruptcies in the province of Quebec, it is his duty to give his information to the Minister of Justice of Quebec. Is the hon. member for Yukon ready to do that, or has he done it yet?

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Chairman, let me say this in answer to my hon. friend's question. I am satisfied that I do not have any information that the Attorney General of Quebec does not have.

Mr. Groos: Mr. Chairman, would the hon. member permit me to also ask him a question? Does not the suggestion that a judicial inquiry be assembled to investigate this case, which is in the very sensitive area of national security, an area that I know is of great