

*Inquiries of the Ministry***DRUGS****PROTECTION AGAINST COUNTERFEIT
PRODUCTS—CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether he can enlighten the house further on the replies he gave two or three weeks ago about the existence of counterfeit drugs on the Canadian market? Can he say whether or not they have been all located and collected so that these drugs are no longer available to the public? Has the food and drug directorate taken any action with regard to laying charges in this connection?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as I advised earlier, the department is satisfied that there are no more counterfeit drugs on the market available to the Canadian public. In so far as any charges are concerned, these are under investigation now. However, no conclusions have been reached on whether there is sufficient evidence for laying charges.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, perhaps my question can be taken as notice. Will the government reconsider its decision to extend \$20 million in aid to a company known as Melville Pulp and Paper Company, inasmuch as this company is owned principally by a fugitive from United States justice?

Mr. Speaker: This question should be placed on the order paper.

NATIONAL PARKS**SASKATCHEWAN—REQUEST FOR SECOND PARK**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, related to the minister's statement last Thursday to the national parks conference at Calgary to the effect that the government has set a goal of 40 to 60 new national parks by 1985. Can the minister indicate whether the second national park for Saskatchewan, which was promised by his

[Mr. Trudeau.]

predecessor on April 22, 1965, will be developed at an early date?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member cannot ask the question in this way since it relates to a statement made outside the house. I must recognize that when the hon. member for Yukon asked a question that perhaps was not in order I was a bit late in rising to the occasion to remind him that the question as asked was not in order. I have to remind the hon. member that the only way this type of question can be asked is by posing it to the Prime Minister and asking whether the statement made outside the house represents government policy.

FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT**AMENDMENTS EXTENDING PERIOD, RESPECT-
ING INTEREST RATES, ETC.**

The house resumed, from Thursday, October 10, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-111, to amend the Farm Improvement Loans Act—Mr. Olson (for Mr. Benson)—Mr. Faulkner in the chair.

The Chairman: Order. House again in committee of the whole on Bill No. C-111, to amend the Farm Improvement Loans Act. When the committee rose on Thursday, October 10, clause 2 was under consideration. Shall clause 2 carry?

On clause 2—

[*Translation*]

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Chairman, we could not let clause 2 of Bill No. C-111 go through without saying what we really think about that clause which we consider as the most important.

I do not need, at this point, to dwell on the importance of agriculture in Canada, in the province of Quebec or in eastern Canada. That would be unnecessary, since all members are well aware of that.

Consideration of Bill No. C-111 leads us to discuss the importance of the financing of agriculture in Canada. It is unfortunate that the Minister of Finance, (Mr. Benson) and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson), with the first bill he introduces in this house, ask us to increase the maximum rate of interest from 5 per cent to a level which they cannot disclose. The Minister of Agriculture told us the other day in this house that he did not know this interest rate, but that this would be the normal interest rate on the market.