

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker, and it is slightly larger than the demand on the domestic market.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

Can the minister tell the House why Canada imported eggs in 1971?

[English]

Mr. Olson: I suppose because the prices were higher here, the same motivation that caused us to export about 180,000 cases in some years.

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INSECTICIDES

INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBILITY OF CONTROLLED USE OF DDT TO KILL MOSQUITOES AND BLACK FLIES

Mr. G. W. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Is the government considering the controlled introduction of DDT for residential and recreational spraying of mosquitoes and black flies? I ask this question because of certain reports that have been circulated.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there may be some consideration going on from time to time by an interdepartmental committee respecting this matter because it is charged with the responsibility of looking at alternatives, but I know of no action that is contemplated immediately in this regard.

• (1430)

Mr. Aiken: Has an effective alternative or substitute for DDT been developed and is the minister's department working on an alternative?

Mr. Olson: We are, Mr. Speaker, but it is too simple to say it is an alternative because there are alternative products for some purposes and there are no satisfactory alternatives for other purposes.

EXCHANGING OF RESEARCH INFORMATION WITH UNITED STATES ON CONTROL OF DDT AND SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the very severe ban the United States has placed on the use of DDT, is there cross-research between the two countries? Are we exchanging research information on the control of DDT and on the search for alternatives?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I should remind you, Sir, and the House that we did restrict the purposes for which DDT could be used by about 90 per cent only a few months ago.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL DEFENCE

ALLEGED INADEQUATE QUOTA FOR NEWFOUNDLAND IN PROVISION OF WORK UNDER STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the continuing serious need for employment for students, particularly in the Atlantic region, would the minister investigate the reasons for the fact that the Newfoundland share of the 15,000 opportunities under the student summer employment program in the Department of National Defence was less than half of one per cent, other than militia training which is an on-going program, and would the minister review the quotas allocated with a view to showing equality to all the provinces?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to look into the matter.

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INDUSTRY

DOMINION AVIATION—INQUIRY AS TO DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce regarding the application of Dominion Aircraft Corporation which is seeking to build planes in the lower mainland of British Columbia. I believe the minister indicated some time ago that consideration was being given to their application under PAIT. May I ask whether a decision has been reached and, if so, what that decision is?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I replied a few days ago to the hon. member for Peace River that I would be in a position to announce the decision in a week or two. I hope I still have a few days left under that statement.

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AIR CANADA

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF EXCURSION FARES WITHIN CANADA

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In view of the growing imbalance in tourist account between Canada and the United States, can the minister inform the House whether Air Canada is planning any excursion fares that would encourage Canadians to travel in Canada?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was informed this morning by a letter from the chairman of the board of Air Canada that he has on their way to me in the mail, or they will be here in a short time, some proposals for fare revisions. He did not indicate the nature of these proposals, but as soon as I receive them