

*Inquiries of the Ministry***POST OFFICE****EGANVILLE—REASON FOR BILINGUAL REQUIREMENT IN ADVERTISEMENT FOR POSITION**

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Postmaster General and arises from strong protests from the people of Eganville, 99 per cent of whom are English speaking. Why does a current competition for position No. P.O.1349-21P, that being an area competition for a part-time job in Eganville Post Office, carry the requirement that proficiency in both official languages is essential?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am wondering whether this question is not the type that might be considered at the time of adjournment. The hon. member might perhaps like to advise the House. It could more appropriately be considered at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Alkenbrack: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**FEED GRAIN—EASTERN FARMERS SUPPLY—DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OTTAWA AND QUEBEC ON PRICE PARITY—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

A few weeks ago I asked the minister whether he would make a statement in the House concerning the supply of feed grain for eastern farmers in order to grant them prices as high as those paid to western producers. Does the minister intend to make such statement before the end of the month?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, as I said to the hon. member some time ago, we intended to have the results of a number of studies that were going on, including representations from the livestock feed users in Eastern Canada. These studies have not been completed, although they have been expected before this date. I might advise the hon. member that the market has now changed in western Canada vis-à-vis prices in eastern Canada, so that there is really no disadvantage at the moment.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): I wish to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

In view of the reply the hon. minister has just given, may I ask him whether discussions on this issue are still being carried out with his Quebec counterpart even though the price of pork has improved?

[English]

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I have had some discussions with the Minister of Agriculture in Quebec on this subject. I think both he and I are waiting for the results of the study and the recommendations that we expect to get

[Mr. Baldwin.]

from the representatives of the people who are directly involved.

FEED—POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF PROTEIN CONTENT AND MINERAL PHOSPHATES UNDER FREIGHT ASSISTANCE

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. On June 13 my colleague, the hon. member for Huron, asked the parliamentary secretary to the minister a question about feed freight assistance and whether a decision had been made to include feed supplements in the feed freight assistance program. May I ask if this is also part of the study and if the minister will be in position to make a statement on this before the end of the week?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, some studies have been under way. Some pilot projects for shipping high protein supplements by a more economical means to the Maritime provinces have also taken place. Answering the first part of the question briefly, it is not included in the feed freight assistance program at the moment.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**ALLEGED CRISIS CENTRE—STAFF OF GENERAL DARE—TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR RESEARCH PROJECT—HIRING OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE PUBLIC SERVICE**

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Prime Minister. He may perhaps recall that a couple of weeks ago I asked him some questions with regard to a crisis management centre and he informed us that there was no such centre, but that there was a post occupied by General Dare. He was also good enough to undertake that he would look into the matter of whether General Dare was assisted directly or indirectly by anyone else. May I ask the Prime Minister whether he has made this inquiry and whether he can tell us exactly what staff, directly or indirectly, General Dare has for the purpose indicated.

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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did make the inquiries and, as the hon. member suggests, this was a few weeks ago. I think I am correct when I indicate that General Dare is the only person who is seconded to the Privy Council office to conduct this research study, but he is directly assisted by people who are seconded to him from their own departments. I believe there are four in number. They are not detached from their departments but seconded to General Dare. The terms of reference about which the hon. member also asked me have been made public since that time, and if the House so desires I will table a copy of them.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, perhaps now that they have been made public the Prime Minister might agree to table those terms of reference.