

for Peace River that I had instructed counsel to represent the federal government before the Supreme Court of Canada on the appeal from the Manitoba Court of Appeal. I can now add that I have instructed counsel to defend the constitution in so far as those areas relating to interprovincial trade and the British North America Act are concerned.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): With regard to the counsel we have appointed, I would like to get a more precise answer for the hon. member later.

Mr. Woolliams: A supplementary question. I hope Your Honour will not think that it is argumentative. It is not meant that way. In view of the answer of the Minister of Justice as to what instructions were given, if he knows the instructions can he now tell us to whom he gave those instructions? How can he give instructions if he does not know to whom they were given?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I think the hon. member knows how this works. I gave the instructions to the Deputy Minister of Justice. Whether the Deputy Minister of Justice has asked that the department be aided by outside counsel, that is, counsel in private practice, or whether he is relying on the very capable officials and counsel within the Department of Justice, I do not know. However, instructions were given to the Deputy Minister of Justice and he will see that the department is represented before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Woolliams: Is the Minister of Justice thinking of resigning?

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—QUEBEC LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH BORDER CONTROL STATIONS—SUGGESTED DELAY—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice. With the residual powers the minister has under the constitution, does he intend to ask the province of Quebec to cease and desist from the erection of these inspection stations until the matter has been resolved by the courts?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar.

Mr. Horner: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Justice was about to attempt to answer.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member was looking at the minister more closely than I. He did not appear to be rising very quickly. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar on a supplementary. Perhaps the minister might then indicate whether he wants to reply to both questions.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): In view of the lack of clarification of the government's stand on this

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issue, will the Minister of Justice very soon report to the House clearly and distinctly what action the government proposes to take?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): The government's position has been made quite clear by the Minister of Agriculture, namely, that Bill C-176 will provide co-ordinated marketing legislation that might well be the vehicle for solving the problem.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

Does the hon. member for Sainte-Marie want to put a supplementary question?

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): I want to direct a different question, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to hon. members that we might return to this matter in a few minutes. I realize it is a matter which is obviously of interest to all hon. members, but at this point it might be desirable to recognize the hon. member for Lotbinière and then return to this matter.

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[Translation]

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

"CANADA 1971"—ALLEGED ERROR CAUSING PREJUDICE TO SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY OF CANADA

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Can he say whether he took part, before its publication, in the supervision of the booklet entitled "Canada 1971" which pretends to be the annual magazine about present living conditions and recent developments, prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and whose publication has been approved by the hon. minister himself?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member for Lotbinière want to put a supplementary question?

Mr. Fortin: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Did the hon. minister know that in this booklet, prejudice is inflicted directly to a political party represented in this House, a party whose name is "Social Credit Party of Canada" but which was known as Ralliement créditiste of Canada before this booklet was issued?

Mr. Pepin: No, Mr. Speaker, I am not aware, but I shall inquire. If there is any mistake and if there are apologies