

GRAIN

SUGGESTED CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL
TERMINAL FACILITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is the minister in a position to inform the house whether it is government policy this year to erect government grain terminals before the next crop year so as to expedite the shipment of export grain to and from Canadian seaports?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I have been looking at the terminal situation in various parts of Canada in the last few weeks and months. We have made no decision to build additional terminal facilities. It would be my hope that in Vancouver, where the situation probably justifies additional capacity more than in any other part of the country, some additional capacity might be built by private grain companies, which could feed those terminals from their country elevators.

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON COMMUNITY
PASTURE POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that this government has changed its policy with regard to community pastures without informing the house, would the minister now disclose the terms of his new policy to members of parliament?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): Many of the changes have been announced. I would be glad to take the question as notice and give the hon. member full details of the community pastures set-up.

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER FOR EASTERN
CANADA

On the orders of the day:

[Later:]

[Translation]

Hon. Theogene Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell the house whether he has completely given up his electoral promise to appoint an eastern minister of agriculture?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I shall have something to say about that shortly, too.

Inquiries of the Ministry
HEALTH AND WELFAREINQUIRY AS TO CONFERENCE ON MENTAL
RETARDATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. K. H. More (Regina City): I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether she can report to the house what progress has been made in calling a conference on mental retardation, and what the date of the conference is likely to be.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I am sorry, but I cannot give the hon. member the date at the moment. We have had correspondence with the deputy ministers of health of each province, and it is my recollection that all have agreed that it is a good idea to hold such a conference. We have also been in touch with those who are working in the private field, and plans are going ahead for a conference to be held, it is anticipated, some time following the summer recess.

ROYAL COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the number of times we have been told that the report of the royal commission on health services would be tabled soon, could he now tell us when it is expected that this report will be tabled?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I have not had a recent report, Mr. Speaker, but I will make inquiries this afternoon and reply to my hon. friend tomorrow.

INDUSTRY

SUGGESTED ACTION RESPECTING LABATT
BREWING COMPANY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that the United States department of justice under its anti-trust legislation was successful in getting a restraining court order to prevent the Schlitz brewery of Milwaukee from absorbing the John Labatt brewery of Canada, may I ask the minister, first, if he intends to take any similar action in the courts here? Has the hon. gentleman any legislative power to do so and, if he has not, does he intend to ask parliament during the present session for that kind of power?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Of course I can hardly answer the first question. As to the second question—and I say this with