

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

raised earlier. In view of the statement earlier this month by the president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and the representations made to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce on July 4, did the minister acquaint himself with the situation at the Saskatchewan Pool terminals at the Lakehead in terms of car unloadings, and what action was he able to have taken following his visit to Winnipeg to have an increase in the allotment of cars for unloading at the Lakehead?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, is the hon. member referring to the Lakehead or to Vancouver?

**Mr. Benjamin:** I was referring to the Lakehead, Mr. Speaker, but Vancouver could stand an increase as well.

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, this information which I have in my hand could also be the subject matter of a discussion the hon. member and myself could have later. I have figures also in respect of Vancouver indicating the number of box cars needed to reach the 5 bushel quota.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****MEDICARE—APPLICATION TO R.C.M.P.**

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, is the Solicitor General now in a position to reply to my question about the federal government's participation through grants in supporting the cost of medicare for the R.C.M.P. in the province of Alberta?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, the situation in relation to Medicare in Alberta is exactly the same in the R.C.M.P. as it is in the armed forces. I think that deals with the question asked by the hon. member on July 9.

**AGRICULTURE****REQUEST FROM FARM UNIONS TO MEET PRIME MINISTER ON WESTERN TRIP**

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether the Prime Minister's office received a request from the farm unions to meet with the Prime Minister when he is in western Canada and, if so, will he accede to that request and meet them?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** I will make inquiries of the Prime Minister's office, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

[Mr. Benjamin.]

**HOUSE OF COMMONS****POSSIBILITY OF VACATIONS FOR SOME MEMBERS OF STAFF**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as government house leader. In view of the fact that we could probably get along during the remainder of this session with something less than a full staff, at least in some areas, will the government house leader take up with the appropriate authorities the possibility of letting some of our employees take their holidays while the weather is so good?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that such questions have to be directed to the Chair in writing and that his question cannot be asked in that way.

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker, in presenting this rule change—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Hees:** I thought you had called orders of the day, Mr. Speaker.

**An hon. Member:** Not yet.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry, I did. I apologize to the hon. member as I had called orders of the day. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre was recognized and asked another question. I shall now call orders of the day.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION****MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

The house resumed, from Friday, July 11, consideration of the motion of Mr. Blair that the third report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization presented to the house on Friday, June 20, 1969, be concurred in, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Baldwin (p. 10963).

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Has-tings):** Mr. Speaker, in presenting this proposed rule change in 75c the government claims that the purpose of the change is to speed up the parliamentary process through the elimination of what it alleges to be unnecessary debate. The opposition parties are convinced that this measure would deny