

Inquiries of the Ministry

basis. There are still difficult and complex questions to be resolved.

I can say, however, that progress has been made in recent weeks. It would be premature to forecast the possible outcome of these negotiations, but I am hopeful there will be a successful result. We are keeping very close to developments and doing all we can to advance them.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Two seasons ago the wheat board cut the price of the farmers' wheat by some 17 cents a bushel, which lost the western farmers—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I ask the minister whether consideration is now being given to restoring what was taken away from the western farmers by that action.

Mr. Winters: I am sure the right hon. gentleman shared the general satisfaction of all hon. members with the initial price and the final price for wheat paid to western farmers in respect of last year's crop, one of the highest on record in a year when many records were set.

TRADE**SALE IN CANADA OF GOODS CONFISCATED IN CUBA**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): May I also reply to a question asked on Monday by the hon. member for Gaspé about the sale of Cuban goods by auction.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have only 30 minutes today for questions and the hon. member for Gaspé is out of the house for the moment, so perhaps this answer might be given tomorrow.

EXPO '67**INQUIRY AS TO PUBLICITY IN UNITED STATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia): I should like to address my question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is in charge of Expo '67. I believe the Secretary of State would be interested in this question, too, but I see the hon. lady has left the chamber.

On Monday I had occasion to meet two Americans from the city of Chicago who felt that Canada—

[Mr. Winters.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question cannot be preceded by a narrative of any kind.

Mr. Pickersgill: A reminiscence.

Mr. Watson (Assiniboia): Can the minister tell the house to what extent Expo, and the fact that it is being held in Canada's centennial year, is being advertised throughout the United States, as this would be a real source of tourist dollars for Canada?

Mr. Speaker: I have the impression that this is not a question which can be asked at this time.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**RESEARCH INTO ILLNESS CAUSED BY NOISE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to focus my attention on the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of National Health and Welfare—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Herridge:—for the purpose of asking a question. It concerns both unions and management in Great Britain at this time. In view of the statement made by Professor E. J. Richards of Southampton University's institute of sound and vibration research that there is ample evidence that many a worker's hearing—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that he has to ask a question, and that he cannot make a statement.

Mr. Herridge: Very well, Mr. Speaker—that many a worker's hearing is permanently damaged by noise, would the hon. lady inform the house whether any research is being undertaken in Canada at the present time into damage done to the human body by noise?

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): My question is for the Minister of National Defence. In view of the general adverse reaction among the cadets at the tri-service college at Royal Roads toward the proposed green uniform, will the minister now abandon this idea?

An hon. Member: Close the college.