

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** As a supplementary question, would the minister move with the same speed and alacrity with respect to the proposal for a second trans-Canada highway?

**Mr. Deschatelets:** Mr. Speaker, there is no decision as to when the provincial ministers of highways will meet on this matter. As my hon. friend knows, the subject was before the federal-provincial conference which met here in Ottawa two weeks ago, which was adjourned and which should meet some time in the coming year.

**WORLD FAIR**

DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED BY MR. GLEN  
BANNERMAN

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works.

Could he tell the house what will be the functions of Mr. Glen Bannerman who has just become a member of the world fair personnel?

**Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, may I suggest to the hon. member to wait until the bill relating to various amendments to the world exhibition legislation is called—that might be today—and then I will be pleased to answer that question.

[Text]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN FOREIGN AID FOLLOWING  
U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister.

Following the United States decision to reduce foreign aid by a billion dollars, does Canada also intend to reduce its aid to foreign countries?

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**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF ANTI-  
SMOKING CAMPAIGN

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I wonder if the hon. lady could advise the house what portion of the \$600,000 for the

anti-cigarette smoking campaign is being paid by the federal government.

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, as announced, this program is to cover a five year period, and all of it is to be financed by the federal government.

**Mr. Hales:** A supplementary question to the Minister of Agriculture. Does the minister propose to continue to pay the support price to the tobacco growers, to produce cigarettes?

**TRADE**

CHICKENS—REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF  
CANADIAN PRODUCERS

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, on Thursday last the hon. member for Wellington South asked me this question:

Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture but in his absence I will direct it to the acting minister. In view of the fact that the European economic community has imposed a very high tariff on United States chickens entering those countries, and in view of the fact that the Americans will be looking for a market for this product close to home, what steps does the government propose to take to protect Canadian chicken producers?

This is the answer to the question. The higher tariff for poultry under the common market agricultural policy was placed in operation in August, 1962. The cut-back of United States imports subsequent to this time has had no effect on imports of United States poultry into this country. To December 6 of this year the imports of chicken, whole and parts, to Canada has actually decreased from 4,235,838 pounds in 1962 to 4,040,532 pounds this year, or approximately by 4.6 per cent. Chicken producers in Canada have a tariff protection of 12½ per cent, or a minimum of 5 cents per pound on whole chicken and 10 cents per pound on cut-up chicken. Our producers appear to be able to compete quite satisfactorily on this basis.

I am sure the hon. member now knows more about chickens than he does about tobacco.

**Mr. Hales:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his answer to my question of last Thursday, but I would now like to have him answer the question concerning tobacco. I do not think the chickens are going to use tobacco.

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

STEPS TO MEET REPORTED INCREASE IN  
COST OF LIVING

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the