

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Trudeau:** The plan is secret, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

**HOUSING****THOMPSON, MAN.—AVAILABILITY OF MORTGAGE MONEY**

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Housing. Is the minister in a position today to answer a question I directed to him on Friday? I asked him if he would look into the matter of precedence in the making available of C.M.H.C. mortgage money for high rise apartment construction at Thompson, Manitoba?

**Hon. James Richardson (Acting Minister of Housing):** No, Mr. Speaker. I do not have a specific answer to that question.

**AGRICULTURE****FEED GRAIN—REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF POLICY**

**Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Central Nova):** I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister advise if he received representations from the various federations of agriculture and other organizations in the Atlantic area stressing the need for the continuation of the present feed grain policy in that area? If so, what reply was given?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** We have received such representations, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. MacEwan:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise as to what reply he has made or what action he intends to take on this very important matter to the feeders and others in that area?

**Mr. Olson:** Mr. Speaker, we have indicated to them that this program, which has been in effect for a number of years, is under review, and that any adjustments which seem to be reasonable and positive will be part of that review.

**Mr. MacEwan:** A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise whether he endorses the apparent policy of the task force to the effect that these subsidies should be discontinued?

**Mr. Olson:** The views of the task force are completely independent of the government's views. I would like to advise my hon. friend

that, when we have completed the review of this and a number of other programs, government policy will be announced.

**FARM CREDIT ACT****ONE YEAR ADVANCE FOR LOAN REPAYMENTS**

**Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** I ask the Minister of Agriculture whether, in view of the serious situation in which western farmers find themselves, resulting from diminished revenues arising from reduced wheat sales, he will consider advancing farm credit repayments by one year as is done in the case of farm improvement loans, since these loans are always adequately secured?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** I have announced on several occasions in this house that if an individual who has a loan from the Farm Credit Corporation would make application, along with substantial evidence that it is difficult or impossible to make the payments, they will be given consideration.

**Mr. McIntosh:** Could I ask the minister at this time what he will accept as evidence? Will he accept a low quota which is controlled by the Canadian Wheat Board as sufficient evidence that these payments cannot be met?

**Mr. Olson:** Mr. Speaker, the evidence is an indication of his receipts and expenses.

**ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES****NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE OPERATING DEFICIT**

**Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the President of the Treasury Board. In view of the fact the National Arts Centre Committee predicts a net operating deficit of between \$400,000 and \$500,000, depending on interpretation, for the two week opening festival of the arts, can the minister say whether Treasury Board has given approval to any such plans?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I doubt whether the question is acceptable at this time. The hon. member might want to discuss this at the time of adjournment.

**Mr. Schreyer:** May I rephrase the question so that it will be in order? I ask the minister whether he will use his good offices and try to lower the operating deficit, and at the same time give Ottawa high society a treat by having Don Messer appear at the National Arts Centre?