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must be taken in consultation with those firms. These things are going ahead, and we have hopes that quite a bit may be done for the areas that are affected.

As I mentioned earlier, the effort has to be made by the four groups concerned; the area itself, the mining companies and the two governments, this one and the government of the province of Ontario. We are finding excellent co-operation among all groups.

Mr. Argue: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister could relate his remarks to Uranium City, Saskatchewan. The survey is to be for the three of them, but I took it that the minister's remarks related to Elliot Lake.

Mr. Churchill: Uranium City, Saskatchewan, has been under consideration in the same way as the other two areas. Two representatives from Uranium City were in my office two days ago presenting a well-reasoned brief in moderate language, and I hope representatives of the government will visit Uranium City in the very near future to make contact with the people of that area.

LIVESTOCK**CATTLE AND LAMB—INQUIRY AS TO SUPPORT PRICES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): May I ask the Minister of Agriculture, with regard to an announcement made today by the chairman of the agricultural stabilization board concerning the support prices for cattle and lamb, whether he is in a position to offer an explanation for the lower support given to lamb this year?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): I had expected the hon. member would have asked me to give an explanation of the higher support given to cattle this year, but he has chosen to go in the other direction. The explanation in each case is the same. As the hon. member knows, there is a mandatory support at 80 per cent of the level of average prices for the past ten years. That produced the two figures which, in pursuance of its obligations under the act, the stabilization board has released.

FLOODS**LAKE NIPISSING—INQUIRY AS TO CONTROL MEASURES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): With the inflow of water into lake Nipissing substantially in excess of double the outflow, can the Minister of Public Works give an assurance that everything possible is being done to [Mr. Churchill.]

minimize the danger of flooding and damage to the properties of the people who reside in that area?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): I wish to thank the hon. member for Nipissing for his question, and to say in reply that we have control of the dams forming the exit from lake Nipissing and that we are keeping an hourly watch, night and day, to try to control the situation as best we can. At the present time we are controlling it to the extent that we have almost flooded lake Nipissing; the east end of the lake is flooded. This is just a matter of too much water. Never in 30 years has precipitation been so great. It is really what the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch) might call a *vice majeure* or an act of God, and in the circumstances we are doing all we can to control it.

PUBLIC SERVICE**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Benidickson (Kenora-Rainy River): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Finance, because recently he was, as we all realize, the best acting prime minister—for a day or so—that we have ever had. Could the hon. gentleman indicate whether there has been any progress, and if so with what results, in the matter of setting up the equivalent of a Hoover commission for Canada along the lines announced in the speech from the throne, No. 2, by the Prime Minister?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): I am sure that when an announcement in this regard is appropriate, the Prime Minister will be pleased to make it to the house.

AIR TRANSPORT**CRASH LANDING AT MALTON—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON INVESTIGATION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister in a position to give the house a report on the investigation into the crash landing of a Super Constellation aircraft at Malton last February 10?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): I wish to thank the hon. member for having given me notice of his intention to ask this question. I am advised by my officials that certain technical aspects