

*Inquiries of the Ministry**(Text):*

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I cannot give my hon. friend any precise date, but a conference on these matters will have to be called soon. As soon as I can be more precise, I will let the house know.

*(Translation):**[Later:]*

REPORTED ULTIMATUM FOR QUEBEC PREMIER

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Justice. Did he have any opportunity in the last few days to inquire about the ultimatum delivered on April 5 last by the Quebec premier respecting the sharing of taxation sources on a new basis?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

Mr. Gregoire: A supplementary question. Does the minister still believe, as he suggested last April, that the present government is the most qualified to meet the request of the province of Quebec for a new tax-sharing agreement?

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes.

Mr. Gregoire: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the answer just given by the minister mean that the present government accepts the ultimatum of the Quebec government and intends to give back to the provinces their sources of taxation and income?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The minister does not have to answer that question.

Mr. Gregoire: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Minister of Justice was willing to answer.

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES

INQUIRY AS TO PERSONNEL OF ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the minister without portfolio, the hon. member for Outremont.

Does the minister intend to recommend to the government the appointment of Messrs. Gerard Pelletier and Andre Laurendeau as members of the royal commission on biculturalism and, if not, why?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in my opinion,

[Mr. Gregoire.]

that question cannot be asked on the orders of the day.

INQUIRY AS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister without portfolio, the hon. member for Outremont. Does the hon. minister intend to include in the program of the royal commission on biculturalism the question of returning to the provinces their sources of income?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe the taxation question will be among the terms of reference of the commission which is yet to be established.

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GRAIN

WHEAT—INTRODUCTION OF TWO PRICE SYSTEM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, last Friday I directed a question to the government asking whether we could expect legislation to be brought down soon with respect to the two price system for wheat to guarantee farmers \$2 a bushel for wheat. At that time the Minister of Agriculture suggested he would treat the question as notice, and I wonder if the Prime Minister or any member of the government is now prepared to answer it.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This is an important matter of government policy, and an announcement will be made in due course.

(Translation):

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Does the present government intend to have Canada join the organization of American states?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I must inform the hon. member that the question is still under active consideration.