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**Hon. G. E. Halpenny (Secretary of State):** That will be announced in due course, Mr. Speaker.

(Translation):

**Mr. Cantin:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Very well.

**Mr. Cantin:** Would the minister give the house the reasons for this further delay?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is not a supplementary question.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### MEXICO—INVESTIGATION OF CANADIAN CITIZENS BY U.S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Have the minister's officials given him any information regarding the reported subjection of Canadian citizens in Mexico to investigation by the United States federal bureau of investigation?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the department is still investigating complaints which were received from the west coast a few days ago.

### TRADE

#### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON U.S. INQUIRY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. John R. Nicholson (Vancouver Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry. Is the minister in a position to give us an up to date report on the state of affairs and developments in Washington with regard to a move to exclude or put a quota on Canadian forest products being shipped to the United States?

**Hon. H. J. Flemming (Minister of Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot give any up to the minute information. This hearing took place some months ago. However, I would be very glad to obtain the latest information on the situation and give it to my hon. friend.

#### WHEAT—ALLEGED DROP IN EXPORT SALES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture. I hope Your Honour and the minister will recognize the essential difference between this question and the one I asked yesterday, because my question now is specific. I should like to ask

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### Inquiries of the Ministry

the minister whether he could advise the house what specific negotiations are now under way to make up for the decline in wheat sales to date and to sell all the rest of our wheat for this crop year.

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is the policy of the Canadian wheat board or of the government to divulge what is going on in any type of business negotiations until there is something pretty tangible to announce. I think the point I made yesterday is sufficient, that what we measure our success or failure by are the number of bushels exported. There was a record export in the last two years, and it will be very close to that this year.

#### WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO PAYMENT BY CHINA

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture):** I have been trying for two or three days to answer a question submitted to me by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart. The question was whether the Chinese are still honouring their obligations. The information I have today is as follows: Up to and including December 31, 1962, all payments due on the contract—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think the minister can do that as well on motions rather than on questions, or in some other way.

(Translation):

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Could the minister tell the house what method of payment is used with regard to the wheat sold to communist China?

**Mr. Speaker:** An attempt was made to answer that question a short while ago, and I rather think that the hon. member's question should be put on the order paper.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF DEFEATED CANDIDATES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Since the date of the last return, which was before Christmas, concerning the appointment by the government of defeated candidates, have there been any further such appointments?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think that question can very definitely go on the order paper.