

Inquiries of the Ministry

to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister now delaying the issuing of CATV licences pending amendments to existing regulations, or the establishment of new regulations?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the process that is being followed at the present time is the same process that has been followed for quite some considerable time.

Mr. Hales: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Can the minister give an assurance that those people in the CATV business will have ample opportunity to express their views before any amendment of or issuing of new regulations?

Mr. Pickersgill: I will take the hon. gentleman's hypothetical question under careful consideration.

FINANCE

CANADIAN PROPOSALS TO GROUP OF TEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In yesterday's newspapers there appeared a report of a breakdown in the discussions among the group of ten over the question of the reformation of the international monetary system. In view of the fact that the Canadian government advanced some proposals in this regard, can the minister tell us whether any further action is going to be taken on the part of the Canadian government to deal with this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think this question involves a matter of extreme urgency, or is so urgent that it should not be placed on the order paper. I suggest that the hon. member may wish to put it on the order paper.

TRADEPOSSIBLE DECLINE IN U.K. PURCHASES
IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to either the Minister of Finance or the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Are they aware of the statement made by Mr. Douglas Jay, president of the British Board of Trade, warning Canada to buy more British goods or face a serious decline in British purchases in Canada, and calling on

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the Canadian government to remove discriminatory duties on British goods? If so, is any immediate response or action anticipated?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is a question of general import and cannot be asked at this time.

[Later:]

Mr. Olson: I would like to rephrase a question which I asked earlier. I hope, Mr. Speaker, it will meet with your approval. I would like to direct this question to the minister of external affairs. Has the government been warned by the British Board of Trade to reduce the discriminatory duties on British goods or face a significant decline of British purchases in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I regret very much that I cannot accept this question.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

INQUIRY AS TO AGENDA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. On Friday last I asked him a question concerning the agenda of the federal-provincial conference to be held in Victoria commencing June 16, and he indicated at that time that he would be in a position early this week to give a reply to this question. I wonder whether the time has now come.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I hope to be able to do this tomorrow.

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is there a new date for the federal-provincial conference?

Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, though certain developments have raised some doubt in the minds of some provincial governments as to whether it will be possible to go ahead on the original date of June 16. But as at present there is no suggestion that this date should be changed.

FARM MACHINERYCONSIDERATION BY COMMISSION OF
TIED SALES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister say whether