

Inquiries of the Ministry

purpose, but no request was made. I am reasonably well informed about the survey that is being made. I believe it is being carried out just as rapidly as it is humanly possible for it to be done, and that additional financial assistance could not speed it up in any way. I understand that the fullest co-operation is being given by the power commissions of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and that it is expected that early in October there will be a definite feasibility report, which I must say I hope will be favourable.

Mr. Bell: Does the minister appreciate that my only intention is to try to secure the best I can for Newfoundland?

Mr. Pickersgill: I appreciate that, and I hope the hon. gentleman appreciates I am trying to do the best I can for New Brunswick, too.

AIRPORTS

HAMILTON, ONT.—AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I should like to answer a question asked by the hon. member for Hamilton South with regard to a meeting with Hamilton municipal officials about the Mount Hope airport. Discussions took place on September 10 between senior officials of the department and representatives of the city of Hamilton regarding the future of the Mount Hope airport. These covered such matters as repair work which might be required, standards of operation and future use of the airport.

As a result of questions raised at the meeting, both sides are to exchange certain further information as a means of determining whether in fact the airport which is being given up by the Department of National Defence could be kept in operation by the city.

AGRICULTURE

TURKEYS—REIMPOSITION OF QUOTAS ON IMPORTS FROM U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture, but in his absence I would direct it to the acting minister. It has reference to imports of turkeys into Canada from the United States. I might say I have had a number of telegrams on this matter, and possibly the minister has as well. Will he take immediate

action to stop the tremendous importation of turkeys from the United States?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Acting Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I think the minister announced last week that he is having a meeting today or tomorrow with the farmers who raise turkeys, and he will have an announcement to make on his return.

Mr. Pugh: As a supplementary, will the acting minister not agree that immediate and decisive action must be taken now, or is he not at all in conversation with the Minister of Agriculture? Time is of the essence on this question, and I think something should be done along the line of the quotas which were imposed by the previous government and taken off last year by the present administration.

Mr. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, the minister replied to this proposal, saying he did not feel that quotas needed to be re-established right away, and that he was dealing with this problem by meeting with the people concerned with raising turkeys.

Mr. Pugh: As a further supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me this question was pretty fully answered on Friday or Thursday of last week. The minister is meeting with a delegation today, and it would be as well to wait until he makes a statement on that meeting.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

ALLOCATION OF FREE TIME TO POLITICAL PARTIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, this question should be addressed to the Secretary of State but in his absence may I direct it to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister had a half hour's chat over a national television network last evening with two representatives of the press, and in view of the fact that we understand the Leader of the Opposition is to have the same privilege tonight, may I ask whether similar or proportionate time will be made available by the C.B.C. to the leaders of other parties in the house?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not of course responsible for the allocation of time by the C.B.C., but I shall be glad to bring my hon. friend's question to their attention at once.