

Inquiries of the Ministry

is at present investigating suitable sites. It is expected that construction will be started in 1960. The building will provide accommodation for the Department of National Revenue, income tax division; agriculture; citizenship and immigration; veterans affairs, and the unemployment insurance commission.

QUEBEC CITY—INQUIRY AS TO PROGRESS OF
NEW POSTAL TERMINAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Wilfrid LaCroix (Quebec-Montmorency): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question of the Minister of Public Works. Is it the intention of the government to proceed as soon as possible in connection with the construction of a postal terminal in Quebec?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, it may be that the hon. member for Quebec-Montmorency has not read the answer I gave to his question yesterday.

The difficulty is that the Department of Public Works has acquired a site and that site was approved by the municipal authorities of Quebec city with the exception of a planning board which apparently has certain overriding powers in that city.

When that situation arose an attempt was made to have the city acquire the site on which they wished to have the post office erected and then bring about an exchange of the two properties, but the proposed site which the city prefers is owned in part by the Canadian National Railways and I believe the C.N.R. station is located on that property. As yet the city and the Canadian National Railways have not been able to come to terms, and for that reason the Department of Public Works is held up and is unable to proceed with the construction of the building.

ROYAL VISIT

INQUIRY AS TO DISTRIBUTION OF FILM TO FILM
COUNCILS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Kootenay East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Are any plans being made for the immediate release through the film councils across Canada of the film covering Her Majesty's visit to Ottawa?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have not the latest reports on this matter but my understanding is that plans are being made for the release of the film as soon as possible. A review is being made of the

[Mr. Green.]

script which will accompany the film. I understand the interest of the hon. gentleman, which will be shared, of course, by all the people of Canada. I can assure him that the release will be arranged for at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Byrne: Through the film councils?

Mr. Fulton: I will note the hon. member's interest.

GRAIN

REFERENCE TO ALLEGED SHORTAGE IN AUSTRALIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Louis Lewry (Moose Jaw-Lake Centre): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is the minister aware of the grain shortage in our sister commonwealth nation of Australia? If so, has anything been done to assist in the sale or barter of Canadian wheat?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have heard that drought conditions are affecting the agricultural areas of Australia but I do not quite follow the hon. member in the latter part of his question. I did not get the significance of it. Perhaps he would like to repeat the latter part of his question.

Mr. Lewry: I was wondering whether the government is doing anything to assist the commonwealth of Australia in getting rid of the drought?

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, we have not entered into the rain-making business yet, but perhaps the hon. member has some suggestion along that line.

[Later:]

Mr. Lewry: Mr. Speaker, may I follow up my first question in connection with the grain shortage in Australia and ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether the government will at this time accept so-called soft currency to overcome the Australian shortage of wheat and our surplus of wheat?

Mr. Churchill: I do not know how this would help Australia, if that is what the hon. member has in mind. They will be able to market all the wheat they have at their disposal. We have no trade with Australia in wheat.

LIVESTOCK

HOG CHOLERA—IMPORTS OF PORK FROM U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. B. Huffman (Kent, Ont.): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture arising out of the statement he