

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Minister a question relating to the representations which many of us have received in the last few days from Canadian magazine publishers on their increasingly desperate revenue situation without any legislative curbs on *Time* and *Reader's Digest* activities. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government feels this situation is urgent; and if so, what action it plans to take in the near future.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, reference was made to this subject, as I recall it, in the speech from the throne.

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. B. Cowan (York-Humber):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. For the guidance of this house would the hon. gentleman be kind enough, before he leaves for British Columbia, to tell us whether he is leaving because he disapproves of an alliance between the government and the Social Credit party?

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, there is nothing to disapprove of, because to my knowledge there is no alliance.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

SUPERANNUATED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES—REQUEST FOR INCREASED PENSIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the large number of retired civil servants and widows of civil servants who are living on very low pensions, as revealed in a sessional paper tabled a few days ago, will the government give consideration to further adjustments in the pensions of those who are already retired?

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of Finance):** The government is always giving consideration to problems affecting civil servants.

## CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. B. S. Mackasey (Verdun):** I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the Prime Minister's expressed desire that Canadians prepare for Canada's centennial in 1967, would the right hon.

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gentleman state when provinces and organizations may expect some activity on the part of the national centennial administration?

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** There is continued communication in this regard. I do not think there is anything further I can add at this time.

## SUPPLY

The house of committee of supply, Mr. Chown in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Administration branch—

1. Departmental administration including the national co-ordinating committee on agricultural services, \$1,003,000.

**Mr. Chaplin:** Mr. Chairman—

**The Chairman:** Order. I regret to advise the hon. member for Waterloo South that I must interrupt him. I am informed by the clerks that the hon. member for Bellechasse had the floor when we last rose.

(Translation):

**Mr. Dumont:** Mr. Chairman, I said last Friday that the Liberals had the same headache in 1957, with regard to the sale of wheat as the Conservatives have today. I said, moreover, that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Pearson) as well as the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue) forgot the 340,000 eastern and British Columbia farmers, who are great consumers of feed grain.

Incidentally, that grain is priced at \$2.25 a hundredweight for No. 1, at Fort William, which will rectify a statement by the hon. member for Acadia. I never said that we would pay feed grain 1 cent a pound. I know too much about farming to make such a statement. What I said was that, even if the western farmers have to pay \$2 million in salaries for their Canadian wheat board for storage, transport and other expenses, they only get \$2.25 a hundredweight, whereas we eastern farmers are paying wheat No. 3 \$3.60 a hundredweight, which makes a difference of \$1.35 a hundredweight, whereas transportation is only 15 cents a pound. I want to put this very clearly because the other day, the hon. member for Acadia suggested that I wanted people to believe that feed grain should be sold at a cheaper price.

I am very happy that the western farmers are getting that price because we shall help them on all occasions.

Government aid with regard to transportation is \$9.50 a ton. If there were grain elevators in all our sea ports in eastern Canada, I think that the western farmers would sell