

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

GRAININQUIRY AS TO COUNTRY ELEVATOR
HANDLING CHARGES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Is he in a position to confirm or deny unofficial reports to the effect that country elevator grain handling charges will remain the same for the current crop year irrespective of the fact that the Board of Grain Commissioners have earlier approved an increase?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the contracts are between the companies and the wheat board and the final charge is not necessarily as high as that which is permitted by the Board of Grain Commissioners. So it may well be—and this is my understanding—that the contracts are being written at the same rates as prevailed last year, even though authority to pay higher prices was given by the Board of Grain Commissioners.

TRADE

GATT—INQUIRY AS TO CANADIAN POSITION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of the government's policy favouring a North American free trade area, does the government intend to join with that of the United States in pressing for 50 per cent general tariff reductions at the present Kennedy round of negotiations which are proceeding at Geneva?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that this is a general question. I must remind the hon. member that a question must not raise a matter of policy too involved to be dealt with in an answer to a question.

PUBLIC BUILDINGSPORT HOPE, ONT.—INQUIRY AS TO
POSSIBLE DAMAGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. A. Webb (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Is he aware of any damage done to the new federal building in Port Hope on October 18 or 19?

Mr. Speaker: Order. That question should be placed on the order paper.

[Mr. Speaker.]

LABOUR RELATIONSSUGGESTED AMENDMENT OF LAW RESPECT-
ING INJUNCTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour and ask him whether his department is giving active consideration to amending the law so as to abolish ex parte injunctions, as recommended by the recent Liberal convention?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the use of injunctions is a matter which is under continuous study by the department. I do not know of any change or course of action that has yet been decided upon. The matter is being studied along with other resolutions and representations which have been placed before the department.

AIRPORTSHALIFAX—REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF
REFUELING FACILITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In case he disappears before I am able to raise it again with him, as I have in the past, may I ask him now whether he would take a serious look at the refueling facilities at the Halifax international airport, particularly in light of continued loss of stop-over international flights. I am afraid that most of them are going into Gander, and I might become suspect shortly.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am sure the hon. member asked this question as a form of representation to the minister.

● (3:40 p.m.)

HEALTH AND WELFAREMEDICARE—AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRIBU-
TIONS TOWARD COST OF INSURED
MEDICAL CARE

The house resumed, from Tuesday, October 18, consideration of the motion of Mr. MacEachen for the second reading of Bill No. C-227, to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada toward the cost of insured medical care services incurred by provinces pursuant to provincial medical care insurance plans, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Rynard.