

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member might ask a related question or another question.

Mr. Thompson: Is Canada prepared to accept a lowering of the international price of wheat at the conference now being held?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, both these departments are answering questions in the house on a day other than today.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister related to the question asked by the hon. member for Red Deer. In view of reports that a cut in world wheat prices is being considered by the International Wheat Council, can the Prime Minister inform the house if the cabinet is giving or will give serious consideration to establishing a guaranteed floor price to the farmer of \$1.95½ cents a bushel, the present minimum under the International Grains Arrangement?

Mr. Woolliams: You had better sell that wheat.

[Translation]

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES ON DOMINION DAY

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

In view of the deplorable incidents that have taken place recently in Quebec, on the occasion of a certain political carnival and on St. Jean Baptiste Day, does the Prime Minister intend to suggest that special security measures be taken on Confederation Day?

[English]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MAINTENANCE OF PASSENGER SERVICE STANDARD

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the serious effect that lack of transportation facilities has on those who use our tourist facilities and on Canadians as a whole, will he communicate with Canadian National Railways to ascertain whether it is now its policy to keep at minimum levels available transportation facilities? Do they intend to reduce the necessity of passenger service across Canada? At the same time, when asking that question

will he use his influence to ensure that extra trains and railway cars are provided during the summer on transcontinental routes?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to discuss the first part of the right hon. gentleman's question with the railway. As for the provision of additional facilities for those who may wish to go west, we will be glad to do that as rapidly as possible, particularly for members of the opposition.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I was talking about transcontinental trains that go all the way across Canada. Although I was not thinking about the members of the opposition and thinking only of visitors who come to Canada, needless to say I appreciate the minister's solicitude for the opposition.

HARBOURS

TORONTO—FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF PORT

Mr. Hyl Chappell (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the urgency of this matter to the port authority of the city of Toronto and in view of its key importance to the plan for development of the whole Toronto waterfront, will the minister now agree to co-operate and participate in the construction of the port, in conjunction with the development of the new harbour there?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that the hon. member's question is of very wide import. If there is special urgency about the details of the question the matter might be considered at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Chappell: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

PUBLIC WORKS

OTTAWA, ONT.—PARTICIPATION IN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. Will the government participate in the multi million dollar development scheduled for downtown Ottawa despite so-called cut-backs and attempts to freeze private construction in other cities?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question is of a similar nature to that asked by the hon. member for Peel South. It is a matter of very wide import and that type of question ought to be placed on the order paper or discussed at the time of adjournment.