

Inquiries of the Ministry

budgets, it is also his intention to give consideration to bringing in closer contact with the government organizations such as labour, agriculture, and others who might be affected by such a budget?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker; I think the hon. gentleman's suggestion is a very good one. If consultation within the limits of secrecy could be extended to business in the way suggested, it should also be extended to other economic elements such as labour, agriculture, and others.

WORLD FAIR**SUGGESTED BROADENING OF REPRESENTATION
ON BOARD**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister, in view of the resignation of the Ontario representative of the Montreal fair board, and indications from previous information that only a few of the provinces or regions of Canada are represented on this board, whether he is considering taking any steps to broaden the scope of the board and handle what appears to be a unilingual problem on the board.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This matter is presently under consideration.

AGRICULTURE**MILK—FEDERAL REPRESENTATION AT INQUIRY
IN ONTARIO**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. According to press reports I understand the minister has been closely associated with "hope" for some time, and I hope he can answer my question. Has the minister made arrangements to have a federal government representative in attendance at the hearings now being held of an inquiry into the production and marketing of milk in Ontario?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I have met the Ontario league on several occasions and this matter is under consideration. We will be able to announce the result later.

**SHEEP—REPORTED INTENTION TO CONCLUDE WORK
AT SASKATCHEWAN EXPERIMENTAL FARM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Has the min-

ister received a communication from the south Saskatchewan sheep growers association protesting the contemplated closing down of the sheep department at the dominion experimental farm at Swift Current? Rather than ask a supplementary question later, may I ask the minister whether he does not agree that such action, if taken, will be a severe blow to the sheep raising industry of western Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Will the hon. member put that question on the order paper, please?

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, this is a very serious and urgent question. It is also of national importance, as it concerns the whole sheep industry of Canada. In addition, I understand that the contemplated action is going to be taken in the near future. Therefore I submit with deference that it is an urgent question.

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question of the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek may I say it was felt by the department that the experiment carried on with this particular flock of sheep at the experimental farm at Swift Current had been completed, and it was contemplated that the flock of sheep would be moved to the farm at Manyberries. This matter has not been finally decided yet and I will consider what the hon. member has said in this regard. The experimental farm at Swift Current is mainly for grasses. The production of sheep in the whole southern part of Saskatchewan has fallen off a great deal, as it has of course in all the prairie provinces, and it is felt that any experimenting with sheep in the future can be carried out better at Manyberries where most of the sheep production takes place.

Mr. McIntosh: A supplementary question. From the minister's own words would he not agree that the sheep industry in Canada—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am sorry to interrupt, but this is argumentative.

(Translation):

PULPWOOD—INQUIRY AS TO SUPPORT PRICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Does the minister intend to proclaim a support price for pulpwood, at the request of the U.C.C. and the farmers concerned?

(Text):

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will have to start over. I could not hear him.