

Inquiries of the Ministry

notice yesterday, in that no reference is made to raising the ceiling on old age pensioners' incomes so that they may be permitted to get the increase indicated in the motion?

Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): When this measure is discussed in the house the hon. member will have a detailed reply to his question. But let me tell him, since he has asked the question, that our income ceiling, in terms of what the pensioner may have in addition to the basic pension, is a more generous allowance than that made by any other country in the world. When the hon. member puts his question in the form in which he does, he seeks to leave the impression that such is not the case.

Mr. Coldwell: What about social security?

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question—

Some hon. Members: No.

An hon. Member: Sit down.

Mr. Knowles: I am not debating the matter. I am merely asking the minister whether the present other income allowed will be retained after this measure passes.

Mr. Martin: The hon. member knows perfectly well that the time to ask that question is when the measure is under discussion.

Mr. Knowles: The motion indicates that it will not.

WHEAT**PRICES PAID BY MILLERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. W. Burton (Humboldt): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. At what prices do Canadian millers obtain wheat from the wheat board for (a) domestic consumption, and (b) export?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The millers obtain wheat for export to the United Kingdom at the United Kingdom price, and also they obtain wheat for domestic flour. For all other sales they pay the class II price for wheat.

Mr. Smith (Calgary West): That is for the export of flour?

Mr. Howe: Yes.

FREIGHT RATES**INCREASES ON CERTAIN LIVESTOCK**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. R. Argue (Wood Mountain): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport if the government has considered taking action to offset the freight rate increases announced by

the Canadian Freight Association on pure-bred livestock and on livestock entered in exhibitions and sales.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): I have not seen any announcement of the increases in freight rates which my hon. friend says have been announced by the Canadian Freight Association. I was under the impression that increases in freight rates are decided by the board of transport commissioners, or by the railways themselves under the terms of the Railway Act, to meet water and highway competition. The hon. member for Humboldt (Mr. Burton) asked a similar question yesterday, and I suggested if he would give me the detailed information I should be glad to look into it. I make the same suggestion to my hon. friend.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN**CROWN COMPANIES AND BOARDS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. E. Stephenson (Durham): On March 28 a question which I had asked was passed as an order for return. Will the responsible minister tell me when I may expect the return?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I shall be glad to make inquiry and see that the return is brought down as soon as possible.

MIGRATORY BIRDS**WILD GEESE ON FARMER'S PROPERTY AT
COBDEN, ONT.**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. M. Warren (Renfrew North): I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin) if he is aware that my farmer friend to whom I referred on April 8 reported on April 17 that he is getting assistance in taking care of some 4,700 geese which are now on their way to their natural haunts.

THE BUDGET**DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE**

The house resumed from Monday, April 25, consideration of the motion of Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Macdonnell (Muskoka-Ontario), and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Coldwell.

Mr. J. H. Blackmore (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, last evening, just as the house adjourned, I was placing before the house