

*Inquiries of the Ministry***AGRICULTURE****TURKEYS—INQUIRY AS TO STEPS TO
MAINTAIN PRICES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): Mr. Speaker, I have a question to ask the Minister of Agriculture in reference to a question I asked him on September 10 having to do with turkey prices. At that time he said he would discuss this problem with the turkey producers on Monday, that is to say yesterday, in Winnipeg and would report back to the house. Has he anything to report at this time?

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I met with the executive of the turkey federation and attended the annual meeting, and spent considerable time with them. They are putting forward proposals that we are going to consider, and after that time I will report back to the house.

WORLD FAIR**POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF
COMMISSIONER**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Rémi Paul (Berthier-Maskinongé-Delaudaire): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to put a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce but, in his absence, I shall put it to the Prime Minister. Does the government intend to ask for the resignation of Mr. Robert Shaw as assistant commissioner of the 1967 world fair, following the severe admonition given to him by Judge Marcel Gaboury in the judgment he delivered recently in an action for fraud against the Foundation Company of Canada Limited, whose executive vice president was the same Robert Shaw?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take notice of that question.

TRANSPORT**FREIGHT HANDLING ON FERRY SERVICE,
NORTH SYDNEY-PORT AUX BASQUES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. I have been trying since March 23 of this year, without success, to obtain information from the minister and [Mr. Drury.]

the government as to what effect the proposed new railway car ferry service will have on the employment of stevedores as between Port aux Basques and North Sydney.

Now that yesterday the minister sounded the death knell for the stevedores at North Sydney in his written reply to the hon. member for Danforth, may I ask him when I will receive a reply to question No. 1,811 on the order paper, which is actually a series of questions on this same subject but in considerably more detail. I am sure, Mr. Speaker, we all understand the full collaboration that exists between the minister and the hon. member of the N.D.P., as indicated by the fact that he answered that question.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, that is a rather offensive observation with which the hon. gentleman closed his remarks, which I think I should protest strongly as not being in order. I hope very much to have the additional detail for which the hon. gentleman asked, and which of course made it necessary to take longer to answer his question, available tomorrow.

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak on a question of privilege. The gratuitous observation of the hon. gentleman is really not worthy of him. I want to make it clear that the question was based on a responsibility to that area and not because of this stupid statement about collaboration between my party and the Liberal party.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): I have a supplementary question. Of course I accept the statement of the hon. gentleman, who is a very good friend of mine.

An hon. Member: He was.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): May I ask the minister, in view of his reply yesterday to the hon. member for Danforth, and in view of the closing of the Point Edward naval base and other cutbacks, just how many economic blows does he think North Sydney and the surrounding areas can stand before we see another Elliot Lake or Springhill?

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: That question is not in order.

[Later:]

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Does the Prime Minister consider it is proper that a minister of the crown,