

Inquiries of the Ministry

Finance. When is the minister going to enter the debate on medicare to explain to the house the relationship between medicare and inflation?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I have been looking for an opportunity to enter the debate. I thought the most useful time would be when the house is in committee, when I can deal with two or three matters which could be of particular significance to the Minister of Finance.

EDUCATION**ONTARIO—REPORTED DELAYS IN STUDENT AWARD PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough): My question, Mr. Speaker, is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the urgent financial needs of many Ontario college students and the widespread dismay at the restrictive terms and delays in the Ontario government's student award program, can the minister assure the house that no delays or restrictions have been imposed or dictated by the government of Canada? Also, will he press the province of Ontario to ensure a prompt and fair distribution of the funds which have been committed to student aid by this house?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this would require a rather longer answer than would be appropriate on orders of the day. I do intend to make a short statement on motions at an early date.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister is making that statement will he also explain why the 10,000 \$1,000 scholarships are not being awarded?

Mr. Ricard: They were in the program of the Liberal party.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Would the minister inform the house when the new appointment will be made to the senior position with the C.B.C. and if the policy of alternating between French speaking and English speaking presidents will be maintained?

[Mr. Prittie.]

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to say that the appointment will be made at the time Mr. Ouimet leaves office. I should also like to say that the speculation I have seen in the press, both in news columns and in columnists' articles, is wholly without foundation.

INDUSTRY**REQUEST FOR REPORT ON BOYCOTT OF FOOD STORES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister anything to report to the house on the housewives' boycott of food chain stores in Ontario and Quebec?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that the question is not in order.

GRAIN**CHURCHILL, MAN.—STORAGE IN TERMINAL ELEVATOR**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the Canadian National is satisfied it has sufficient box cars available to fill the elevators at Churchill and in view of the fact that the wheat board is of the opinion that the Canadian National has not sufficient box cars to haul the grain which the wheat board would like it to haul, will the minister not ask the top authorities of the Canadian National and the wheat board to get together to decide whether the elevators in Churchill can be filled this winter?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, because of the importance of the questions asked yesterday I have had a conversation with the wheat board. I should like to read a sentence or two from the message I received from the wheat board as to the reasons for its policy. I think it will answer the hon. gentleman's question.

When the shipping season at Churchill was completed the board had the choice of filling the terminal at Churchill or continuing to incur substantial demurrage costs at the port of Vancouver. We chose to ask the C.N.R. to divert the cars immediately into the Vancouver movement so that its sales commitments could be met.

Mr. Simpson: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister not feel that