Inquiries of the Ministry

We have recently received the English version of the bluebook (revised estimates). Would it be possible to know when we will receive the French version?

(Text):

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, we receive the French copy as soon as possible. It has been the practice for many years since confederation to use the same type and thereby avoid a very heavy expenditure. To bring them out simultaneously would cost a good many thousands of dollars more. At least that has been the practice up to the moment, but I can tell my hon. friend that I have issued instructions that they be brought down as soon as possible, and I would hope the French text will be available in a few days.

COMBINES

AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES—ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Justice. What steps have been taken by the government to implement the recommendations of the restrictive trade practices commission contained in their recent report on an inquiry into the distribution and sale of automotive oils, greases, antifreeze, additives, tires, batteries, accessories and related products, and what further action does the government intend to take in this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think in this regard the hon. member had better put that question on the order paper.

(Translation):

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR DIRECT GRAIN PURCHASES BY EASTERN FARMERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Bellechasse): My question, Mr. Speaker, is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Could the Canadian wheat board allow eastern farmers to buy feed grain from western farmers directly?

Mr. Speaker: This is a question which, in my opinion, calls for an interpretation of the act by the Minister of Agriculture, or a statement of policy from the government. I believe that the hon. member should have his question placed on the order paper.

Mr. Dumont: The reason is, Mr. Speaker, that if the 92,000 farmers who earn under \$1,200 a year were given such an opportunity, they would buy some without delay.

[Mr. Gregoire.]

Mr. Dupuis: This afternoon?

Mr. Dumont: Yes, and as regards transportation, at 9 cents a bushel there would be a substantial reduction in price.

(Text):

POWER

CANADIAN REPRESENTATION AT WORLD CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I have another question that I consider urgent. In view of the fact that the premier of British Columbia has sent his top experts on power policy, namely Dr. Gordon Shrum, M.M. and Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, V.M. to the world power conference in Australia for two or three weeks, would the minister inform the house whether the Canadian government will have a representative at this important conference?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Canadian delegation will be led by Mr. T. M. Patterson, director of the water resources branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. He is honorary secretary of the Canadian section of the world power conference. The Canadian delegation also includes Mr. Alec Ignatieff, chief of the fuels and mining practice division, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys; Mr. Lorne Gray, president of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., and Mr. A. V. Mooradian of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION AND USE OF DRUG LYSERGIC ACID DIETHYLAMIDE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Could he inform the house whether the food and drug directorate has definitely requested the withdrawal of the drug lysergic acid diethylamide both as regards its further production and its present use in research in mental diseases and alcoholism?

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I think full discussion can be had on this particular drug at the time the amendment to the Food and Drugs Act is before the house.