

Minister of Agriculture. I should like to ask whether the government has any plans to subsidize the corn growers of southwestern Ontario who are suffering from a 25 cent to 30 cent per bushel decrease in price this year. This would be a subsidy similar to the one offered the western wheat growers.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe the analogy drawn by the hon. gentleman is correct. Certainly at the present time there are no plans along the lines he has indicated.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Terence Nugent (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. I wonder whether the Prime Minister can advise the house if he has any plans to cope with the present crisis in the Department of Transport. The crisis I refer to is brought about by the appointment of the hon. member for Trinity as Minister of Transport.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I suggest the crisis is only in my hon. friend's mind.

SHIPBUILDING

PAYMENT OF SUBSIDIES ON FISHING VESSEL CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. O. Bower (Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. It is one of import and urgency to at least six provinces in Canada. I should like to ask the minister whether the government has established as policy the cessation of building subsidies on fishing vessels.

Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Bower: I have a supplementary question. I should like to ask the minister why then are subsidies not being granted on the building of fishing vessels in Nova Scotia?

Mr. Robichaud: As has been the case in the past, subsidies have been granted as soon as the applications are received and processed. If there have been any delays the hon. member may find out they have not been altogether the fault of the federal Department of Fisheries.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister whether the government intends at this time to allocate to each province certain amounts under this plan?

Mr. Robichaud: This is not in the mind of the government, Mr. Speaker.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

INQUIRY AS TO REPRESENTATION OF YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he has, as he indicated last Monday he would, looked into the question of an invitation being extended to the Yukon and the Northwest Territories to attend the constitutional conference about which he spoke at that time.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): They will be represented, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Nielsen: I have a supplementary question. Will the representation be from the governments of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories in those jurisdictions or is it contemplated that they will be represented by personnel of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

Mr. Pearson: I shall have to look into that particular aspect of the question.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

AGREEMENT TO FORGO PRIVATE MEMBERS' HOUR THIS DAY

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a point of order of interest to hon. members.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Will the house allow the minister to rise on a point of order although orders of the day have been called?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, it has been suggested that in order to give additional time for the debate on housing we might forgo the private members' hour and thus provide an additional hour for this debate today. If that is agreeable to hon. members, the government will agree to it.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.