

### AGRICULTURE

#### REQUEST FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ACREAGE PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Minister of Agriculture. It is a follow-up to a question I placed before him two weeks ago concerning the serious economic situation faced by western farmers as a result of loss of markets and inclement harvest weather. In view of these conditions, will the minister give consideration to making acreage payments to help in this emergency?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I gave a detailed answer to a series of questions yesterday which dealt with almost the same subject as does this question. If the hon. member will look at the replies I gave yesterday I think he will feel satisfied that we have a good program.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think I should remind hon. members that we are running short of time.

**Mr. Southam:** A supplementary question. If the minister is giving consideration to this important matter, will he consider increasing the acreage payment to a maximum of \$300 rather than the \$200 currently provided for?

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### CONCILIATION BOARD REPORT ON DISPUTE WITH TECHNICIANS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. Can he advise us whether he has yet received the report of the conciliation board which was set up to look into a dispute between unions representing technicians of the C.B.C. and the corporation itself?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I received the report officially yesterday.

**Mr. MacEwan:** When does the minister intend to make this report public?

**Mr. Mackasey:** Under section 31, subsection 2, of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act I have the right to return the report to the conciliation board with a recommendation that it be amplified or that

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certain areas be treated in greater depth. I have followed this course and therefore the report will not be published until a new version is officially brought to my desk in a matter of a few weeks.

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

#### ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—REPORTED WAGES BELOW PREVAILING RATES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. On October 2 I asked the minister whether contractors working on urban renewal schemes were permitted to pay wages below prevailing rates as is now the case in St. John's, Newfoundland. Is the minister now in a position to answer my question?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member indicated at the time, this is indeed the case. I have found that the particular project to which the hon. member has referred involves \$2,200,000 of federal funds. These funds were advanced by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and due to a technicality in the law the usual provision that prevailing rates should be paid was omitted. I may say I have informed C.M.H.C. that this is not my concept of justice or of the act, and I have suggested that in future they have regard to the principle implied in the hon. member's question.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the President of the Privy Council whether he can indicate the nature and order of business for this week and next?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. It would be the government's intention to call the post office bill until the house has reached a final decision on all its stages, thereafter to call the remaining stages of the bill to amend the Farm Credit Act, and then to call the second reading and subsequent stages of the prairie grain advance payments bill. When these three measures have been disposed of we propose to begin the debate on the budget and to spend the balance of next week on the budget debate. The actual time of calling any measure will, of course, depend on the time