

in this regard. It is not a matter of debate at all unless the government wishes to make it so.

[Later:]

Mr. Nasserden: I have a supplementary question for the Acting Prime Minister relating to medicare. Have dominion-provincial relations deteriorated to the extent that the federal government now has no clear indication from the provinces of the extent to which medicare will be implemented in July next?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest to the hon. member that this question, as asked, is highly argumentative.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

ARDA—ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN LA SARRE AND JAMES BAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put my question to the hon. Minister of Forestry and Rural Development.

Can he tell us whether he has received from the Quebec minister of agriculture, a request for a financial contribution to the development of an access road from La Sarre to James bay in northwestern Quebec?

Mr. Speaker: I think that the question, in its present form, does not comply with the rules of the house and that it should be placed on the order paper.

[Later]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development who is responsible to the house for ARDA.

Would the minister be prepared to consider the possibility of granting some assistance to build a road connecting the northwestern area of Quebec with James bay, a road which would permit the development of extraordinary resources in that region.

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows that the provinces must submit those requests to the federal government.

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Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. minister has already replied to the question of the hon. member. But there again it seems to me that the question is rather general; I fail to see how it may be put verbally at this point.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

My question was not put today and is not general in nature. It refers specifically to a northwestern region of Quebec which has been neglected by both Ottawa and Quebec. I would like to know from the minister what steps are to be taken so as to obtain satisfactory results.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that he can get a reply by putting his question on the order paper.

[English]

FERTILIZER—PURCHASES IN CONNECTION WITH DELIVERY SCHEME

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the importance of fertilizer in farmers' operations, would he discuss with the Canadian Wheat Board the advisability of including the purchase of fertilizers as well as seed grain under the special spring over-quota delivery scheme?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I will be very happy to do that, Mr. Speaker.

TURKEYS—POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING IMPORTATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. N. Ormiston (Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture concerning the continued importation of United States turkeys into Canada. Since the imposition of value for duty on United States birds has had no effect on the adverse situation of Canadian growers, will the minister now consider introducing limitations on the volume of imports?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, no such action has been taken at this time but I shall be pleased to consider the hon. member's suggestion.