

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair is not aware of any particular urgency.

(Translation):

REQUEST THAT POLITICAL PARTIES BE SHOWN  
ON ELECTION BALLOTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Maurice Cote (Chicoutimi):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State.

Has the minister made arrangements so that the name of the party be printed next to the candidate's name on the ballots for the next federal election?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I trust the hon. member can look up the section of the Elections Act which governs that point.

(Text):

## AGRICULTURE

SUGAR BEETS—REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
1963 SUPPORT PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West):** I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister advise the house how soon an announcement concerning the support program for the 1963 crop of sugar beets may be expected?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think the hon. member should put that question on the order paper.

(Translation):

BUTTER—REPORTED INTENTION TO DISCONTINUE  
SUBSIDY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Bernard Dumont (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture, and I hope he will not have to wait three days to give me an answer.

Is there any truth to the press reports which claim that the government plans to abolish the 12-cent a pound consumer subsidy it now pays on butter?

(Text):

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman is falling prey to the custom prevailing today of believing everything appearing in the newspapers.

## POWER

## COLUMBIA RIVER—INQUIRY AS TO JURISDICTION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Kootenay East):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of

Public Works. This question deals with our natural resources and not our political resources. A member of the provincial legislature of British Columbia has stated that if the—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Byrne:** —question of the Columbia river were in the hands of the provincial government—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The Chair would like to hear the question. The hon. member may preface his question by some identifying remark without going into great length and without quoting someone else.

**Mr. Byrne:** I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works whether jurisdiction in respect of the Columbia river development comes under the provincial or the federal government.

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Public Works):** I think, Mr. Speaker, you will agree I am being asked to give a legal opinion, and I do not believe it is my function to give a legal opinion any more than it is the function of the Minister of Justice under our rules to give a legal opinion to the house. However, I think it should be clear by now that we have proceeded on the basis that it is a question of divided jurisdiction and that is why we have been working so hard to get a satisfactory agreement with the government of British Columbia which has so far proven impossible to do.

COLUMBIA RIVER—MEETING TO DISCUSS  
DOWNSTREAM BENEFITS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Jack Davis (Coast-Capilano):** I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will the minister please tell the house whether any negotiations are going on at the present time, or pending, concerning the sale of Columbia river downstream benefit power in the United States?

**Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** As the hon. member knows, there have been informal discussions on two or three occasions. I do not think any date is set at the moment for the next meeting, but I presume one will be set in due course. Those discussions were at the technical level.

## ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES

INVITATIONS TO DOMINION-PROVINCIAL  
CONFERENCE ON BICULTURALISM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the right hon. Prime