

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. G. C. S. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice and give an answer at the appropriate time.

[Later:]

Mr. R. J. McCleave (Halifax): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Revenue. In taking notice of the question asked by the hon. member for Kingston, will he keep in mind the historical origin of hockey in the Halifax area?

Mr. Nowlan: Yes.

GUNNAR, SASK.—REQUEST FOR POST OFFICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. H. Harrison (Meadow Lake): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport, if I may, arising out of the decision the minister communicated to me with regard to the airport at Gunnar. I thank him for his diligence and courtesy. I wonder whether he would discuss this matter with his colleague the Postmaster General, to the end that these people in that very sizeable community might enjoy one of the amenities which most Canadians enjoy, namely a post office?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Yes. I shall be very glad to do that.

WINDSOR—REQUEST FOR AID FOR CIVIC AUDITORIUM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. F. Brown (Essex West): May I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is he now or will he soon be prepared to answer the question I put to him on November 22 last, as reported at page 1407 of *Hansard*, with respect to assistance in building an auditorium in Windsor to assist the unemployment situation?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I will look into the matter. That, of course, is not an isolated request. There are many such from all parts of Canada. Any decisions in that regard would have to be correlated one with the other in order to meet the current situation.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

NATIONAL CROP INSURANCE—INQUIRY AS TO DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. S. Zaplitny (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. On November 19 last I asked the minister what progress was being made with regard to a national crop insurance plan. At that time he stated that

the matter was being investigated by the economics division of his department but no report had yet been received. Has the minister now received such a report? If so, will it be made available to members of the house?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not yet received a report in regard to that matter. I have received what might be called intermediate advices in regard to the matter, but no report as yet.

Mr. Argue: May I ask a supplementary question. I wonder whether the recommendation of the Saskatchewan royal commission on agriculture and rural life has been brought to the attention of the minister, in which the commission recommended that a crop insurance scheme be tried out on a mixed farm basis, a joint federal-provincial scheme?

Mr. Harkness: Yes; that has been brought to my attention, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Argue: Can the minister say whether it is receiving study, and whether any decision on the matter may be forthcoming at an early date?

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Speaker, as I said back in November, I think it was, this whole matter has been under very active study, and consideration is being given to all facets of the question.

GENERAL EXTENSION OF ATLANTIC PROVINCES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. I refer to the letter that Premier Campbell of Manitoba wrote to the Prime Minister on December 18 with regard to the desirability of assistance to the Atlantic provinces being part of a general formula. My question to the Prime Minister is this. Is it his intention to address to the premier of Manitoba a further reply in addition to the brief acknowledgment which he wrote him on December 21?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I shall be obliged to look up the letters in question before I am in a position to answer.

SHIPPING

FOREIGN VESSELS—REPORTED DEMAND FOR COMPULSORY PILOTAGE ON GREAT LAKES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister