

Inquiries of the Ministry

in the house to which I would draw Your Honour's attention, a precedent established on January 20, 1958.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The tabling of documents is not obtained on orders of the day either by questions or by raising matters of privilege.

GRAIN**ONTARIO WHEAT—REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON PRICE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance, because he comes from Ontario and because he is the Minister of Finance, when we may expect an announcement from the government with regard to the price of Ontario grown wheat?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member knew anything about the practices of this house or about agriculture he would know in the first place that the question should be directed to the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): You don't know the answer.

TRADE**WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO REDUCED PRICE UNDER SECOND CHINESE AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture. Is it a fact that the change in wheat board prices and the price of sterling yesterday means in effect that the price in Canadian dollars being received by the wheat board under the second agreement for the sale of wheat to red China varies approximately 5 cents per bushel from what we anticipated at the time the agreement was signed?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, that is obviously not a question for the orders of the day. I suggest that the hon. member put his question on the order paper in the ordinary course.

HOUSING**C.M.H.C.—MORTGAGES SOLD IN 1960**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. As found on page 6849 of *Hansard* for yesterday I asked the minister for the number and dollar value of the mortgages sold by C.M.H.C. during 1960. I, as

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

did other members around me, heard him answer that none had been sold in 1960 although it now appears in *Hansard* as "some". Would the minister clarify that point?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): The hon. member is quite right. I should like to thank him for making that correction, and say that my answer was none for 1960.

Mr. Garland: Is the answer "none" or "some"?

Mr. Walker: The answer is "none", as I said yesterday.

INQUIRY AS TO PROGRESS OF CURRENT PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank McGee (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. In view of the 400 per cent increase in building recently in the township of Scarborough, I wonder whether the minister could indicate whether the national figures are following that general trend.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I dislike taking the time of the opposition to talk about something that is not as fascinating as eviscerated chickens. The reply is that the revised figures for starts in urban centres as at May, 1961 indicate—

Mr. Bourget: Order paper.

Mr. Walker: Mr. Speaker, for a year and a half I have been bombarded by the opposition with similar questions.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member wishes to raise a point of order he should rise to do so.

Mr. Maurice Bourget (Levis): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I think the question asked by the hon. member for York-Scarborough is asking for statistics. The ordinary practice has been that questions of that kind are placed on the order paper. I do not think that is a proper question for orders of the day.

Mr. Grafftey: The hon. member should tell that to his colleagues.

Mr. McGee: Speaking to the point of order, Mr. Speaker, the question which I sought to put after many fruitless attempts was one designed to elicit vitally important up to date information relating to a significant field of our economy.

Mr. Garland: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I say that when in similar circumstances on earlier occasions I have attempted to put questions of that nature, I have been ruled out of order.

Mr. Walker: Mr. Speaker, speaking to the point of order, may I say that at no time did