

EGGS—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT ACTION
RESPECTING IMPORTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosithern): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the information contained in parliamentary return No. 2696 tabled in the house yesterday, which indicates that imports of eggs have increased by 250 per cent during the past year, can the minister tell us what action the government proposes to take with regard to this unhealthy situation?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is asking for a ministerial statement. This is certainly not a question which can be asked now.

[Later:]

Mr. Nasserden: Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase my question to the Acting Prime Minister? In the light of the situation revealed by this return, will the government bring the operations under the stabilization board before the committee on agriculture, forestry and rural development?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, of course I cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs, but I will refer that question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Nasserden: Surely the Acting Prime Minister could indicate whether the government would consider bringing the operations under the stabilization board with regard to eggs before the parliamentary committee?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I have already done so.

Mr. Nasserden: Would the Minister of Agriculture indicate what the situation is at present?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I understand the ham is on the other side of the house; we have the eggs.

An hon. Member: Let the minister look at himself.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

DISTRIBUTION OF HAWTHORN-TREMBLAY
REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. J. W. Fane (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Will he order the distribution to members of parliament of part 1 of the

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Hawthorn-Tremblay report which was tabled in the house last Friday? So far I have not received a copy.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am very sorry about this. I understand that the hon. member attempted to get a copy yesterday. He could have secured one by telephoning my office. However, today a general distribution was made to all members of parliament.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The other day I addressed a question to the Minister of Industry—I did not know at the time that it was addressed to the wrong minister—about the distribution free of charge of a copy of the Hawthorn-Tremblay report to each of the Indian bands in order that they may have access to it as well. Is the minister in a position to make any comment about that?

Mr. Laing: No, Mr. Speaker, except to say that I think it is important and should be done.

AIR CANADA

INQUIRY AS TO PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF
SERVICE IN SASKATCHEWAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport, who I believe reports to the house for Air Canada. Can he inform us whether the Air Transport Board has received an application from Air Canada to abandon all service in Saskatchewan?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is the faintest likelihood of this having happened, but I suppose I should go through the motions of inquiring.

Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister is looking into the question of air service in Saskatchewan, would he inquire whether and when Regina and Saskatoon will get jet service?

Mr. Pickersgill: I will be glad to do that.

SHIPPING

REQUEST FOR SAFETY INSPECTION OF STEEL
HULLED TOWBOATS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I direct another question to the Minister