

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Churchill: I will ask the wheat board today and make sure.

Mr. Argue: You should not make those statements until you are sure.

REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF FLOOR PRICE ON ONTARIO WHEAT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether he is now in a position to announce a floor price under the Agricultural Prices Support Act on Ontario grown wheat.

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker. That is usually announced shortly before the end of the crop year, July 31. I expect we will be able to make an announcement on it fairly soon.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

INQUIRY AS TO AGENDA FOR JULY MEETING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. P. Deschatelets (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether there is any agenda prepared for the federal-provincial conference to be held next July?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): No agenda has yet been settled, Mr. Speaker. It is intended in a few days to have exchanges with the provinces in regard to what would be an acceptable agenda for all governments concerned.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

REPORTED CANCER DANGER IN LIPSTICK COLOURS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It is a very appropriate one before the holidays, and I am sure it will concern most of the members of the house.

In view of the fact that an investigation was undertaken by the United States food and drug administration to determine whether certain of the colours used by the lipstick industry are cancer-causing agents and that as a result certain doubts were raised; and in view of the possible peril which now menaces our fair sex, to say nothing of the imminent danger hovering over the entire unsuspecting male population of Canada, will the minister inform the house of any precaution his department is taking to protect the people of Canada from suffering the "kiss of death".

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Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I should like to thank the hon. member for having given me notice of his intention to ask this question. As far as the colours now being used in lipsticks are concerned, there is no evidence that amounts normally getting into the system could create any risk to health. Accordingly I am glad to be able to assure the hon. member that my department sees no danger in the use of lipsticks, either to those wearing them or to those with whom they might, so to speak, come in contact.

Mr. Pearson: Would the minister make a personal investigation into this matter?

Mr. Pearkes: He did yesterday.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT ON APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN NAME

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Leon Balcer (Acting Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, on Friday last the hon. member for Trinity-Conception asked if I had received an application from the Boy Scouts Association to change the name of the Canadian general council of the Boy Scouts Association to the Boy Scouts of Canada and, if so, what action had been taken.

The answer is that no such application has been received by myself or the department, and that I do not have the power under the Companies Act to change the name of the Canadian general council of the Boy Scouts Association, inasmuch as this is a corporation created by a private act of parliament and only parliament can change the name of the corporation.

HARBOURS

VANCOUVER—REPORTED REFUSAL OF NATIONAL BOARD TO PAY TAXES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. J. Broome (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister's attention been drawn to a recent article in the *Vancouver Province* which claims that the national harbours board, although the biggest property owner on the Vancouver waterfront, has refused to follow the federal and provincial government policy of making grants equal to taxes on its property, and would the minister comment on the suggestion that the national harbours board should share the construction and operating costs of fire boats in Vancouver harbour?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his