

Inquiries of the Ministry

question which arises out of the sale of the naval ship *Haida* to a group, I believe in Toronto, for \$20,000. This is a move I think everyone will welcome, but I should like to ask the minister the authority for the refurbishing and repairs that are taking place in respect of this ship at the dockyards in Halifax?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): I shall take that question as notice. More particularly, I will refer it to the Minister of National Defence who, rather than myself, has control over the dockyards.

GRAIN**OBJECTION TO INCREASE IN HANDLING AND STORAGE CHARGES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture under whose jurisdiction is the board of grain commissioners, but since the minister is not in his seat may I direct it to his parliamentary secretary. Can he inform the house whether any decision has been reached by the board of grain commissioners to have the handling and storage charges on grain increased, as has been requested by the trade? There is strong opposition to this from farm organizations, and would the minister take this matter into consideration when he holds his sessions with the board?

Mr. B. S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for his question and also for having provided notice of his intention to ask it. I am informed that the board of grain commissioners have held public hearings but as yet no decision has been taken.

AGRICULTURE**WHEAT—CHANGE IN ALLOWABLE MOISTURE CONTENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. B. S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet may I refer to the question addressed by the hon. member for Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale to the Minister of Trade and Commerce yesterday, with respect to a request by the farmers' union for a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture regarding the moisture content

[Mr. Fisher.]

of spring and Durum wheat. I may say for the information of the hon. member that the minister and the board of grain commissioners met and discussed this matter with representatives of the farmers' union on Monday last.

CONSIDERATION BY HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REPORT ON P.F.A.A.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the right hon. Prime Minister because it possibly involves more than one department. Due to the barrage of unfavourable comment across the country levelled at the P.F.A.A. since Commissioner Pope's report has come out, I wonder whether the government has considered referring this report either to the standing committee on agriculture and colonization or the standing committee on privileges and elections so that additional information can be made available and debate can take place on it?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I will be glad to give consideration to that matter, Mr. Speaker.

PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY ON GRAIN TRANSPORTED BY FARMERS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Forestry?

Would the minister tell us whether grain transport subsidies are paid only to transport companies, or whether a farmer looking after his own transport could take advantage of that measure?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the policy has not changed in that regard.

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PUBLIC SERVICE**SALARY INCREASES FOR GROUP B EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Finance when the announcement will be made as to the adjustment of the salaries of civil servants in group B?

Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I shall consult with the President of the Privy Council and give an answer tomorrow.