

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will try to give these beans a push.

AGRICULTURE**QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO MEETING WITH MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Clément Vincent (Nicolet-Yamaska): Mr. Speaker, in the Minister of Agriculture's absence I should like to ask the Minister of Forestry a question which, I am sure, he will be interested in answering since he is aware of the demands made by the Quebec farmers at their fortieth annual convention. Moreover, this question springs from the reply given by the minister to the right hon. Leader of the Opposition last Friday.

Can the minister tell us whether he met the representatives of the Catholic farmers' union with a view to setting a date for a meeting between the Minister of Agriculture and the representatives of the province of Quebec and those of the farmers' union? If so, what is that date?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**CONTRIBUTIONS BY BUYERS ON BEHALF OF FISHERMEN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that the regulations regarding unemployment insurance for fishermen specify that a fisherman may have a contribution paid on his behalf by the buyer only in respect of a catch which is delivered to that buyer in a face to face transaction, and as this regulation is working undue hardship on the fishermen of Nova Scotia, especially in the Chester area, where delivery of fresh fish must be made by common carrier, will the minister take action to amend these regulations so that in the absence of a real employer-employee relationship the landings of the fishermen may be considered eligible for unemployment insurance stamps?

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the minister has heard the question, but perhaps the hon. member would put it on the order paper.

[*Mr. Cardiff.*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**REPORTED COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF FRENCH NETWORK**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Secretary of State whether he was in touch with the head of the C.B.C. to ascertain the situation that was referred to by Hon. Bona Arsenault—I don't know what hon. gentlemen are laughing at. Perhaps my pronunciation is not the best, but I do remember that in the British House of Commons on one occasion Sir Winston Churchill called Sir Stafford Cripps Sir Stifford Crapps. Has the Secretary of State been in touch with the president of the C.B.C. in this regard, and have any investigations been made by the government of Quebec to produce supporting evidence on the presence of communists in the C.B.C. in Quebec?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the question as raised by the right hon. gentleman the other day has been referred to the C.B.C. I am quite sure that if we could have a definition of the phrase "left wing tendencies" it would certainly make things much easier for the C.B.C. to give an answer.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Oh, Mr. Speaker, I asked about communists. Is the minister in a position where he does not know what a communist is, and needs a definition?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

Does the Secretary of State intend to invite Hon. Bona Arsenault to come before the committee on privileges and elections, or another committee, to define what he means by someone who has communist or socialist tendencies?

Mr. Lamontagne: No, Mr. Speaker.

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CANADIAN COASTGUARD**APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR FOR TRAINING COLLEGE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Was it necessary for the department to reach into the ranks of the retired to find an