

Inquiries of the Ministry

minister advise us who will be the chairman of that task force?

Mr. Greene: If the task force requires a chairman he will be named from among the members.

[English]

HOUSING

VANCOUVER—PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC PROJECTS

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour in his capacity as minister in charge of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. I hope Your Honour will not rule this question out before you hear it because so many people want to speak on this subject today; but this is a single urgent point, and I probably will not get a chance to raise it later.

Has the minister's attention been drawn to the suddenly aggravated situation in Vancouver caused by the proposal of the city planning director to abandon or indefinitely postpone eight public housing projects which would provide nearly 500 housing units? If so, what plans has the minister for dealing with this situation?

Mr. Speaker: I hope the hon. member will be satisfied that I did not rule the question out of order before I heard it, but I suggest it might be asked later this afternoon.

SPORTS

PAN-AMERICAN GAMES—THANKS FOR FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister, and it is one I should have asked him on Monday when this session resumed. Would the Prime Minister accept the thanks of my constituents for the contribution the federal government made this past summer to the success of the pan-American games.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I will be very glad to do that, Mr. Speaker, and to confirm what my hon. friend said about the amazing success of those games, even though we were all wet when they started. I should like to ask the hon. member to convey to the municipality and the people of Winnipeg our thanks for the way they handled the games.

AGRICULTURE

ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR SUBSIDY TO CORN PRODUCERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the

[Translation]

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOWER ST. LAWRENCE—INQUIRY AS TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On the orders of the day:

Hon. René Tremblay (Matapédia-Matane): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Forestry and Rural Development.

Could the hon. minister tell the house when he is hoping to sign the agreement with the government of the province of Quebec, with respect to the implementation of the program for the development of the Lower St. Lawrence, Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): Mr. Speaker, if we can carry on our negotiations smoothly, I hope that in two months and a half to three months we will have the pleasure of signing this agreement.

Mr. Tremblay: I would like to ask a supplementary question.

Could the hon. minister assure the house that this agreement will take into account the responsibilities and prerogatives of the federal government in this pilot territory?

Mr. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, just as in any such agreement, the federal authorities will fulfil the duties devolved upon them, and the province will also assume the responsibilities under its jurisdiction.

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): I would also like to ask the minister what is the share of the federal government in those agreements for the development of that area of the Gaspé Peninsula. Is it fifty-fifty with the province of Quebec?

Mr. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, it varies according to areas. Up to now, in the three agreements signed, the federal contribution was 66 per cent and I think that in the case of the Development Bureau of Eastern Quebec for the Lower St. Lawrence area, the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands the federal government contribution will amount to approximately \$160 million out of a total amount of \$250 million.

[Mr. Jorgenson.]