

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

bill and the cash advances measure are all vital pieces of legislation. We certainly do not want to be in a position where we have to cease operation of the Farm Credit Corporation because the capitalization is not sufficiently large for that corporation to continue.

## CORN—INQUIRY AS TO STABILIZATION OF MARKET

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex):** My question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture, in view of the fact I have been informed that the price of Canadian corn fell another 4 cents a bushel yesterday. When is it expected that the government policies indicated by the minister might have some effect on stabilizing this market?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, we were extremely anxious that action be taken to restore some stability to the corn market both in Canada and the United States, because as my hon. friend knows one is related to the other. I had some very useful conversations with Secretary Freeman of the United States department of agriculture. These have been followed by meetings in Washington between senior officials of the Canadian and United States government.

A press release was issued at six o'clock last night by my department and by the United States department. While no specific action has been agreed on at this point I think it is useful to know and, indeed, significant that the United States has agreed that it is urgently necessary to consider the several proposals placed before the meetings in order to find ways and means that are to our common advantage in stabilizing this market situation.

**Mr. Danforth:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister say whether his departmental officials feel, after meeting with their counterparts in Washington, that a decision can be expected from Washington before the change in administration?

**Mr. Olson:** Mr. Speaker, we certainly hope a decision will be made sooner than that. I am sure my hon. friend is aware of the very, very complex background to our international agreements. I do not think it would be useful or beneficial to our corn producers if we were to speculate on the proposals that are under consideration, since if we were to do that the meetings might be frustrated.

[Mr. Olson.]

## INDUSTRY

## NEWFOUNDLAND—PROPOSED ASSISTANCE FOR LUMBERING

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** I have a question for the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development, but in his absence I will direct it to whoever will take it. In view of his announcement last night that various projects are planned to boost the Newfoundland lumbering industry by conditionally approving public measures to aid developments in Happy Valley and Stephenville, can the house be informed what these conditions are before approval can be given?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This question should be placed on the order paper.

## SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Faulkner in the chair.

**The Chairman:** Order, please. The house again in committee of supply, revised estimates of the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1969. Vote 1 will be found at page 188 of the blue book, with the details listed at page 189.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

(The following items were agreed to:)

1. Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, \$685,400.

Item agreed to.

5. To authorize reimbursements to the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces of Canada of the costs of travelling and hospitality incurred in the exercise of their duties up to a maximum per annum for each as detailed in the Estimates, \$145,000.

Item agreed to.

**The Chairman:** That disposes of the estimates of the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors. We shall now proceed to the estimates of the privy council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1969, vote 1, to be found at page 380 of the blue book.

## PRIVY COUNCIL

Item 1:

1. Maintenance and Operation of the Prime Minister's Residence, \$40,300.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Chairman, I wish to make one or two comments. The first is with