

Inquiries of the Ministry

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Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not see where there is any supplementary question. Yesterday I ruled a similar question out of order but today I allowed it in order to get the matter settled. I do not see how any supplementary arises at this stage.

[Translation]

Mr. Pigeon: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to ask the minister whether he intends to establish a policy designed to help Canadian tobacco growers who are discriminated against by the Minister of National Health and Welfare?

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Mr. Langlois: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. This is not the first time I have brought up the question in this house, as have other hon. members also. This matter was brought up last fall during the previous session, and right now the minister is delaying and taking his time in giving a definite answer.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is indulging in an argument, not raising a point of order.

Mr. Langlois: Mr. Speaker, this is a point of order. I think the minister should at least tell the eastern farmers what he intends to do to help them out of their financial problems which exist today and which are so very lamentable. I think the government are faced with some drastic measures which they will have to take sooner or later.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. gentleman will study his standing orders he will see that he should not make argumentative statements at this time.

TOBACCO—REQUEST FOR PUBLICITY EXPENDITURE TO HELP GROWERS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture, whom we are happy to see in the house?

In view of the fact that the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss LaMarsh) has \$400,000 at her disposal to undertake an advertising campaign against the use of tobacco, does the Minister of Agriculture intend to ask the house to vote a similar amount so as to assist tobacco growers who will be adversely affected thereby?

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Mr. Speaker: Order.

[Translation]

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Has she consulted the tobacco growers associations before publishing a volume against the use of tobacco?

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Mr. Speaker: Order.

PUBLICATIONS

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF NEWSPAPERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Prime Minister a question. Has there been any further development in the last week or so in government policy on daily newspaper ownership by other than Canadian interests? I raise the question now because of rumours in Toronto about the sale of certain newspapers to foreign interests.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, there has been no new development in the last week or so on this matter.

TRADE

RAPESEED—REQUEST FOR EFFORTS TO EXPAND MARKETS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce which is of urgency before the western farmers start seeding. Since Canada is the world's largest exporter of rapeseed, and since this grain is not under the jurisdiction of the Canadian wheat board, would the minister not have his officials look into the possibility of finding additional markets, particularly in Asia, so the farmer can diversify his crops and not put all his eggs in one basket?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I thank the hon. gentleman for acknowledging the great accomplishments of this government in the field of exporting rapeseed. I can assure him that not only are we following up this matter and trying to expand the market still further, but that an oil seeds mission is in fact about to leave for Japan.

SOCIAL INSURANCE

INQUIRY AS TO APPLICATION BY PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): I wonder if I could ask the Prime Minister whether he has signed up for a social insurance number yet.