

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has raised a very important point, but it is also a novel suggestion. Perhaps there is some merit in it, and certainly the Chair will in due course have an opportunity to look into the matter and consider the suggestion made by the hon. member, although as I said this to my mind seems a new approach to questions.

REGINA—INQUIRY AS TO PROTEST
RESPECTING REZONING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. K. H. More (Regina City): My question Mr. Speaker, is directed to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration under his responsibility for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and I think the Minister of Veterans Affairs should also be interested. Has the minister had representations from residents of Dieppe Place in Regina stating the grievance they have in connection with action which is being taken to rezone the property around this site? If he has, what action has the minister taken in this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would invite the hon. member to place this question on the order paper.

TRANSPORT

REPORT OF CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON MOVEMENT OF GRAIN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Finance with regard to the new co-ordinating committee set up for the movement of grain to the west coast. I should like to ask the minister whether he has received a report or has otherwise been in communication with this committee; and if so, can he now tell the house where the bottleneck in the movement of grain to the west coast was or is?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as I reported to the house in answer to a similar question a few days ago, there has been a very considerable improvement in the situation in Vancouver and the daily movement is right on target, which I think will gratify all of us.

I have not yet had a report from the chairman as to the problems that he overcame and those that remain.

Mr. Olson: May I ask a supplementary question. If there is a substantial improvement there must have been something corrected. Therefore, to remove the shadow on

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the railway or the terminals or whoever it was, could we know what it was that was holding up this movement?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that this question is not in order at this time.

GRAIN

INQUIRY AS TO DATE OF FINAL PAYMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): My question is directed to the Minister of Finance and is related to his responsibility as the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. Since this is Valentine's Day I wondered if he could make any announcement about the final closing of the pool on grain so we could know the final prices before Wednesday.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): I always like to get greetings on Valentine's Day from the hon. member for Qu'Appelle. May I say to him that in reply to a similar question the other day I said I thought the wheat board would be closing its accounts and making the necessary submission to council in the latter part of this month. I am not quite certain which day it will be.

INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—REQUEST FOR MEETING
WITH TRADESMEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. E. Gray (Essex West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. I want to ask him if he will be taking immediate steps to arrange, together with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the meetings requested by a group of skilled tradesmen at the Ford Motor Company of Windsor in their telegram of February 13, to discuss with them the impact of the auto agreement on their type of work?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): As a result of the initiative taken by my colleague the Secretary of State for External Affairs—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Drury: —and the hon. member for Essex West, I am glad to say a meeting is in the process of being arranged.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): May I ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Industry. At this meeting will the government put forward its stand on parity prices as between the United States and Canada so far as car orders are concerned?