# Inquiries of the Ministry NOVA SCOTIA

## INQUIRY AS TO PROPOSALS TO PREVENT CLOSING OF STEEL MILL

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. I ask him whether the cabinet and the federal government as a whole have been busily engaged in working out proposals that could be presented to Dosco in order to avert the disastrous closing of the Sydney steel mill next April?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, we spent most of the morning on this very important subject.

**Mr. Starr:** As a supplementary question, can the Prime Minister say when he expects to meet with Dosco and have some proposals ready to put forward for their consideration?

**Mr. Pearson:** Just as soon as possible, Mr. Speaker. As soon as I can say something in the house I will be glad to do so.

## TRADE

## WHEAT-SALES TO JAPAN OF No. 1 WHEAT AT No. 2 PRICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. D. McLelland (Roseiown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. As reported in today's Globe and Mail, Japan has accepted No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat to fill its contracts for October and November at the same price it would ordinarily pay for No. 2 wheat. Can the minister inform the house whether other importing countries will be given the same arrangements?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, if it is necessary to fill their contracts yes, that will happen.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): As a supplementary question may I ask the minister if he will table a copy of the draft wheat agreement which is to come into effect on July 1 next, and which is still to be ratified by the various signatories?

**Mr. Winters:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. member would permit me to look into that and refresh my memory on what has already been tabled.

Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain): As a supplementary question, can the minister [Mr. Howard.]

inform the house why the international wheat agreement was allowed to lapse in the first place? This is the question that everybody in western Canada is asking.

#### Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

## [Later:]

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Will the producers of No. 1 northern Manitoba be compensated for the price differential in the sale of that grade of wheat to Japan at the No. 2 northern price?

**Mr. Winters:** Mr. Speaker, it all becomes a matter of pooling. The difference between No. 1 and No. 2 is only one cent a bushel.

#### **TELEVISION**

REQUEST FOR POLICY STATEMENT RESPECTING SATELLITES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. It has to do with the decision the government is going to take with respect to television satellites. Has any decision yet been taken and, if so, what is the policy that the government will follow?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, a great deal of consideration has been given and will be given to this very important matter. More than one decision has to be taken, and I am not in a position to announce anything at the moment.

### [Translation]

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUGGESTING AMENDMENTS

## On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Since he has already stated that he is prepared to keep a very open mind with respect to any suggestion concerning the amendment of the Canadian constitution, can he tell us whether he has read the report of Mr. Paul Gérin-Lajoie which contains suggestions in that regard, and when will he be in a position to accept or reject the suggestions made by the committee of the provincial Liberal party?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, as far as I know, Mr. Gérin-Lajoie has submitted a report to a provincial