

Inquiries of the Ministry

final payment. As soon as parliament has disposed of that legislation, we will be able to give careful consideration to the subject matter of his question.

CEREAL GRAINS—AGRICULTURAL PRICES
SUPPORT ACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Johnson (Kindersley): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the low price received for grains has consideration been given to putting all cereal grains under the Agricultural Prices Support Act?

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture): I am afraid I will have to refer that question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Johnson (Kindersley): I direct the question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I understand that the Agricultural Prices Support Act does not include wheat and coarse grains.

CRIMINAL LAW

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION
RESPECTING CRIMINAL SEXUAL
PSYCHOPATHS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. O. White (Middlesex East): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In view of the recent tragic murder in London, Ontario, would the minister indicate to the house what progress the royal commission on the criminal law relating to criminal sexual psychopaths has made and when their report will be tabled?

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, in reply to my hon. friend's question I may say that somewhat more than a month ago I discussed with Chief Justice McRuer the prospects of an early report and he told me that until a considerable mass of scientific data which they wish to assemble shall have been prepared they will not be able to make a report. I do not expect we will get one for some months yet.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

RESUMPTION OF WORK ON WINNIPEG POST
OFFICE AND DEER LODGE HOSPITAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. When will work be resumed

[Mr. Howe (Port Arthur).]

on the post office in Winnipeg and the addition to the Deer Lodge veterans' hospital in St. James?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works): I suppose one could answer by saying it is a matter of degree. The work was never discontinued. There was some slow-down because of the extreme weather, material shortages and certain other factors, but the work is progressing in accordance with the government's policy of winter employment.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INQUIRY AS TO PROVISION FOR PERSONS DENIED
BENEFITS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Have arrangements been made for unemployed persons who have been denied benefits under the new act to be put on benefit if they could have qualified under the terms of the old Unemployment Insurance Act?

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour): The question asked by my hon. friend has been asked me privately by several other hon. members since yesterday, and I should like to make just a brief comment on it at the moment. The unemployment insurance commission found that the date upon which they could get their staffs at regional and local offices aware of the terms of the new act was approximately some time in October. Consequently the provisions under the new act came into effect on October 2. Since that time the commission has been following the course of its operations very carefully and I am glad to report to the house that, in the main, the great revisions of last year have gone into effect very well indeed. As a result of the 12 or 13 weeks' operations the commission found that there was need for some adjustments so that the actual application of the act could more closely conform with the intentions of parliament. It has been possible to achieve some of these by regulations made under the act. On others—and these include those referred to by my hon. friend about which he is concerned, as am I—the commission would like to have a little longer time to complete their preliminary survey and to assess the longer term effects of any further adjustments they might recommend to the government. They are also, of course, studying the legal implications involved. The commission feels that a useful part of their survey would be for them to get at first hand from hon. members an outline of any difficulties that are being