

them, and as soon as this has been done we will be calling in all the executives of both class A and B fairs as well as the ministers of the provinces to ascertain what we will do in connection with the capital grants.

Mr. Starr: When does the minister expect this time will arrive, when he will be in a position to call in these executives to thresh out this problem?

Mr. Hays: We are going to do this just as quickly as we can. When we have reached some sort of agreement I shall be glad to announce it.

HOGS—GRADING PRACTICES RELATED TO PREMIUM PAID

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): On Friday last the hon. member for Humbolt-Melfort-Tisdale referred to a report of a statement made at a meeting of the Ontario hog producers marketing board to the effect that the payment of premiums on grade A hogs depended on the amount of money allocated for such premiums at the beginning of the fiscal year.

In reply I may say that this suggestion is completely unfounded. Since 1961-62 the appropriation for the payment of quality premiums on grade A hogs has been so arranged as to allow expenditures to exceed the amount originally estimated. Prior to 1961 it was necessary to provide the additional funds required by supplementary estimates. Under the new procedure being followed since 1961 this is not necessary. As an example, \$4,670,480 was originally provided in the 1963-64 estimates but the actual expenditure on hog premiums for that year totalled \$7,479,484.

It is also interesting to note that over the past ten years the percentage of hogs on which quality premiums have been paid during the last four months of each fiscal year has been as high as, or higher than, the percentage on which payments were made during the first eight months of each fiscal year.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Has the minister given any consideration to withdrawing the hog premium subsidy and having it reflected in the price of the product?

Mr. Hays: There has been no consideration given to that.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

STEPS TO MEET PROPOSED ACTION BY MEMBER FOR YORK-HUMBER

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Secretary of State, but in his absence I shall put it to his parliamentary secretary who is known for his aristocratic discretion.

Could he tell us how matters stand now in the quarrel between the C.B.C. and the hon. member for York-Humber (Mr. Cowan) in connection with station CJBC?

[*Text*]

Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I want to thank the hon. member for reminding me of this question. I know the hon. member for Pontiac-Témiscamingue also has an interest in this matter. He asked a question about it on September 4. I am now informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that a writ of summons was served on the corporation on September 24, 1964. Moreover, I am informed that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation does not intend to change its plans for the operation of a French language station in the city of Toronto unless the court makes an order which necessarily requires some change to be made. The corporation intends to oppose and defend the action which has been commenced.

Mr. Choquette: I should like to ask whether the Canadian government will be represented by a lawyer in the case of *Cowan v. C.B.C.* case.

Mr. Stewart: I believe the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation would have full jurisdiction to defend itself in this action.

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue): May I ask a supplementary question. Will the parliamentary secretary tell the house who has been retained as counsel for the C.B.C.?

Mr. Stewart: I will ask the corporation.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

MONTREAL—REPORTED REFUSAL OF MEDICAL TREATMENT TO R.M.C. CADETS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. W. Groos (Victoria, B.C.): I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Has it been brought to the minister's attention that on the night of Saturday, Septem-