

Inquiries of the Ministry

with Italy for an extension of air travel rights. As that matter comes within the orbit of my department, the Prime Minister has asked me to answer the question.

I am glad to report that informal discussions are going on at the present time through diplomatic channels, and it is hoped that a basis for the extension of these rights may be reached in the near future.

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Transport, before we forget his answer to the previous question, whether the traffic rights he mentioned earlier are to be exercised at Toronto?

Mr. Hees: I think the hon. member is a little ahead of himself. First it is necessary to reach an agreement, if one can be reached, with Italy. If that can be done we shall give consideration to the matter he has mentioned.

NATIONAL REVENUE**ACTION TO PROHIBIT ENTRY OF
SALACIOUS LITERATURE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. A. Cannon (Iles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Has the minister undertaken personally, or has someone in his department undertaken for him, the censorship of salacious literature imported from abroad, as was carried out so worthily by his predecessor in office?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Revenue in accordance with his oath of office performs those duties ascribed to him under the act.

Mr. Cannon: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister of National Revenue approve, therefore, of the attitude and the conduct of the previous minister of national revenue in this regard.

Mr. Nowlan: It is not for me to pass judgment on the conduct of my predecessor. Certainly the majority of the people of Canada did not approve of him or of the majority of his colleagues.

LIVESTOCK**CATTLE AND HOGS—REQUEST FOR ADEQUATE
FLOOR PRICES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister inform the house if adequate floor prices will be placed under cattle and particularly under hogs, to protect the farmers

from possible ruinous prices if a large scale switch is made by farmers as was advocated publicly by the minister in order to alleviate the grain surplus problem.

Hon. Douglas S. Harkness (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt the hon. member has noted in the speech from the throne that the government proposes to introduce a measure to stabilize agricultural prices and the agricultural economy, and when that measure is introduced the government will make a full disclosure of its intentions in regard to matters of this kind.

SEARCH AND RESCUE**STATEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CANADIAN
COAST GUARD**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett) directed a question to me asking if I could advise him what progress the present government has made in developing a coast guard service.

This is a very important question and one in which many members of the house are interested. To do it justice it requires a detailed and of necessity a lengthy answer. I have such an answer here, but I do not think I should take up the time of the house giving it at this time. If the hon. member is willing to put his question on the order paper I will be able to immediately table the answer in the normal way.

Mr. Sinclair: Mr. Speaker, I think this is of such importance that the whole house would welcome a statement of policy from the minister.

Mr. Fulton: The whole house will get it if you will allow it to be tabled. You can read, can't you?

Mr. Sinclair: I think it would be much better for the minister to tell us in his own inimitable way about this frequently repeated Tory promise.

FINANCE**CANADA SAVINGS BONDS—POSTERS PRINTED
IN U.K.**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Lesage (Montmagny-L'Islet): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance. How many contracts have been awarded in the United Kingdom for the printing of posters for the current sale of Canada savings bonds? I have just sent one example of such a poster to the minister.