

Inquiries of the Ministry

of Canada, has the Minister taken the necessary steps to introduce legislation to prohibit the shipping of horses—that is, horses of less than a certain value—to other countries for slaughtering purposes, thereby assuring that these animals will have a humane end in Canada and that the horse meat can then be exported from Canada?

Mr. Speaker: That is obviously a question for the order paper.

Mr. Webb: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. For days and days on end hon. Members have asked questions—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Webb: Hon. Members have asked questions regarding the killing of seals—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There does seem to be an electric atmosphere in the House this afternoon.

QUEBEC—COST OF PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

On April 9 last I put on the order paper a question bearing No. 137 in which I asked the Minister of Agriculture to tell us the approximate cost of producing and marketing six cows and two sows which, according to one of his statements, brought a revenue of \$2,816.

Now, the minister has just answered me with these figures: lower third, \$13.10; median third \$18.02 and upper third \$25.44. And that is the cost of producing six cows and two sows. Could the Minister give me more detailed information than what he has supplied to me in writing today?

[English]

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker. I am sure if the hon. Member goes out, observes the conditions and does a little multiplication, he will then have satisfactory information in this regard.

FEED GRAIN—REQUEST FOR EASTERN
MARKETING BOARD

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Clément Vincent (Nicolet-Yamaska): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Forestry.

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In view of the fact that the Prime Minister announced this afternoon the legislative program until the Summer recess, could the minister tell us whether his department has considered or studied the report of the committee on agriculture and colonization concerning feed grains and more particularly the matter of the establishment of a feed grain agency for eastern Canada, so that the matter could be discussed by the House before next Winter?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the officials of the department did study the committee's report and I must point out to the hon. Member that the Prime Minister has announced this afternoon the legislative program for the weeks ahead.

[English]

EDUCATION

INQUIRY AS TO INCREASED FEDERAL
ASSISTANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister which I am prompted to ask by the comments of the Secretary of State with respect to external aid. Is the Government considering increasing federal aid to higher education in our country, which is now only one sixteenth of one per cent of the gross national product?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, that matter is under consideration. It is a very illuminating question.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF
ADVERTISEMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour which arises from his answer to a question asked yesterday about the National Employment Service advertising for help in areas where a shortage of help now prevails. Once the fact is established that there is a shortage of help in an area, is it the Minister's intention, or the intention of the unemployment service, to discontinue advertising for help in such an area?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to confirm my impression that advertising will cease just as soon as available workers are placed in jobs that are open.