

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of having received any such communication, but I will inquire about it. Nevertheless, the question contains a false statement. We have not changed the admission requirements to the training programs.

[English]

PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES
DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): I wish to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether it is the intention of the government to pay subsistence allowances during the Christmas holidays to those taking courses under the retraining program.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): This is a matter we are looking into. I hope later to give a clear indication of the way we intend to proceed during the Christmas season.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): When the minister is looking into this matter would he also inquire whether, under the former regulations, the provinces should pay the subsistence allowance during this period?

GRAIN

PROPOSED INCREASE IN AMOUNT AVAILABLE
FOR CASH ADVANCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. C. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): I had intended this question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In his absence perhaps the parliamentary secretary would answer it. Has the department taken any action in connection with the question put by the hon. member for Moose Mountain asking that cash advances on farm stored grain be doubled, in the light of the very difficult situation faced by western farmers in meeting their creditors?

Mr. Bruce S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): I believe the Minister of Trade and Commerce answered this question in the house on Thursday evening.

Mr. G. D. Clancy (Yorkton): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Meadow Lake. How are we going to make up that 23 cents a bushel?

[Mr. Orlikow.]

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question is argumentative.

[Later:]

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege with reference to the answer by the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Agriculture to the question asked by the hon. member for Meadow Lake. The parliamentary secretary informed the hon. member that an answer was given to the question on Thursday night last. I have referred to *Hansard* of last Thursday and his name is not in *Hansard* of that date.

Mr. Speaker: Order. After all these questions and points of order I suggest we might return to the business of the house.

Mr. Beer: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Battle River-Camrose, I think I did mislead the house in saying Thursday evening. It was on Tuesday evening last, as recorded at page 4027 of *Hansard*.

[Later:]

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Has a committee of the cabinet been asked to report to the Prime Minister on the impact of diminishing cash returns from wheat sales?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that type of question cannot be asked. He is asking for communications between members of the government, and that is not in order.

Mr. Nasserden: Then may I ask the Prime Minister whether such a committee has been appointed.

HOUSING

INQUIRY AS TO INVITATIONS AND AGENDA
FOR CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I wish to direct this question to the Minister of Labour in his capacity as minister in charge of housing. Is the hon. gentleman now in a position to tell us which provinces have accepted the invitation to attend the housing conference on December 11?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Eight or nine, I think. Further acceptances or communications may have come in over the week end.