

Inquiries of the Ministry

birthday of the Queen Mother and on two other royal birthdays, and in view of the affection, especially for the Queen mother, in this country, will he ascertain whether that order can be rescinded?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we in this government believe that we should express our affection otherwise than by shooting guns.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hellyer: That shot you down, George.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government hopes by this tremendous savings to recoup the losses in respect of the *Bonaventure*?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

GRAIN

REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of the very stringent economic situation now existing in respect of western agriculture, can the minister say when the Canadian Wheat Board will announce the final payments on wheat, oats and barley for the last crop year.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I have already given the dates and have said that the cheques would be received about the 10th day of April or about that time.

Mr. Southam: In view of the serious economic situation, would the minister ask the officials of the Canadian Wheat Board to get the cheques out a little earlier.

INDUSTRY

DEVCO—PRE-RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR MINERS

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development who reports for the Cape Breton Development Corporation. In his absence possibly the question might be taken as notice by the acting minister or the parliamentary secretary. Would the minister be in a position to advise when the pre-retirement program for Cape Breton miners proposed by Devco will go into effect and, if not, can he give assurance that due and timely notice will be given the coal

[Mr. Hees.]

miners who are affected, so that they can prepare for the future.

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): I will bring this to the minister's attention.

RESEARCH

AVAILABILITY OF REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatoon-Humboldt. A few days ago I asked him if he had completed his review of the government's policy in respect of scientific research. He seemed to be a little bewildered about the question.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I am delighted by the hon. member's continued interest in my extracurricular reading and I would be glad to discuss it with him, both fiction and non-fiction, outside the house at any time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Broadbent: I would like to thank hon. members for their applause but I am not at all sure I share the same—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member has a question he should ask it without making a speech.

Mr. Broadbent: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is a very serious matter—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Don Valley.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Later:]

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister, and is supplementary to the one asked earlier by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby. Can the Prime Minister say whether he has assigned to any cabinet minister responsibility for the review of the government's scientific policy and if so to which minister.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The committee which has been mentioned is an interdepartmental committee under the chairmanship of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. This committee has undertaken a