

wheat in exporting countries, has the government given any consideration to assisting our farmers to reduce their wheat acreage?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Western farmers are used to making their own decisions. I understand there will be a reduction of 12 per cent in wheat acreage in the coming year.

WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF TWO PRICE SYSTEM

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister inform the house and the western farmers whether or not he, his department and the cabinet are seriously considering the inauguration of a two-price system to allow the farmers to stay in business?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the cabinet is very conscious of its responsibilities in this matter.

Mr. Horner: Are you?

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

BAN ON TOBACCO ADVERTISING

Mr. H. E. Stafford (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. In the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's ban on tobacco advertising on its radio and television networks, Dr. Davidson, president of the C.B.C., referred to the continuous deliberations of the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs which has been considering this subject and related matters.

Did the C.B.C. consider that it was prejudging the possible results and conclusions from those deliberations, and did it consider that it was acting on a matter which is under active discussion by a standing committee of this house; that it had insulted—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Stafford:—that committee by taking this action before the tobacco industry—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have to interrupt the hon. member's speech. Will the hon. member resume his seat. I suggest to the hon. member that he may like to discuss this matter at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Stafford: Ten o'clock.

Inquiries of the Ministry

INDUSTRY

FAIRBANKS MORSE (CANADA) LTD.—
ATTEMPTS TO AVOID CLOSING
OF PLANT

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, just to continue the pattern. In view of the government's efforts to ensure that foreign owned companies in Canada act in Canada's interests, would the minister attempt to dissuade Colt Industries, Inc. of the U.S.A. from closing down Fairbanks Morse (Canada) Ltd. in Kingston?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the question might be put on the order paper.

HOUSING

ONTARIO—ALLEGED DELAY IN PROVINCIAL PROGRAM

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing. In asking the question might I call his attention to the fact that in the legislature of Ontario a day or two ago the minister of trade stated that a substantial part of the province's housing program had been held up due to the lack—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member must ask a question directly.

Mr. Brewin: My question is this: I know that the minister is new to his responsibilities, but will he answer the request of the provincial minister?

AIR CANADA

STRIKE OF MECHANICS—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. In view of the expansive statement of the Minister of Labour yesterday in reply to the hon. member for Burnaby-Seymour on the settlement of the dispute between Canadian Pacific Airlines and the Transportation and Communications Employees Union, can the minister say what progress is being made in the much more important dispute between the machinists union and Canadian Pacific Airlines and Air Canada?

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the parties met yesterday