

External Affairs

Mr. Speaker: Order. If the minister feels that something which has been said is in conflict with the truth, or gives a wrong impression of his announcement, he may, I think, properly explain what he thought was the misinterpretation, but if it is a question of answering along lines which I feel he should not pursue, I would ask him to leave it to a more appropriate occasion.

Mr. Winch: Is there anyone here who objects to saying he is a Canadian in answer to a census question?

TRADE**GRAIN—ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANTICIPATED
BARLEY SALE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture): I am pleased to be able to report to the house that negotiations between the Canadian wheat board and the representatives of the China Resources Company, Hong Kong, who are in Canada, are continuing. The Canadian wheat board anticipates that 12 cargoes of feed barley, representing approximately 120,000 tons, will be booked within the next few days for nearby shipment out of our west coast ports.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**NEWFOUNDLAND—DISPOSITION OF PEPPERRELL AIR
FORCE BASE FACILITIES**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): By leave of the house I should like to make a statement at this time. On August 6 last I said that if and when we received an official notice of abandonment from the United States government in regard to the Pepperrell air force base there would be the fullest consultation with the government of Newfoundland on this matter. Formal notice was received on August 11 to be effective a year later, that is in August of this year, 1961.

We have had a number of informal discussions with the government of Newfoundland on the reversionary rights respecting the ownership of the base and on the equitable distribution of the facilities between the government of Newfoundland and the government of Canada. We have come to the conclusion that the question of ownership should be the subject of a reference to the Supreme Court of Canada, and preparations are now being made for that reference.

The premier of Newfoundland has been informed of our decision in this regard, and I hope it will be possible to reach an agreement on the statement of facts to be presented to the court. In the meantime, informal arrangements have been worked out with

the government of Newfoundland and the United States authorities to ensure that the facilities of the base are adequately maintained and protected pending the determination of their disposition.

**COLOMBO PLAN—ANNOUNCEMENT RESPECTING
ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN**

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): On Friday next the Warsak hydroelectric project in Pakistan will be formally inaugurated, with the Minister of Veterans Affairs representing the government of Canada. This is the largest Colombo plan project in which Canada has participated. It is also the largest project of its kind in Pakistan. Warsak will produce 160,000 kilowatts of power and help irrigate 110,000 acres of virgin land. In the process of construction some 10,000 Pakistanis, mostly tribal people, have had training in modern trades and techniques.

In the course of his current visit to Pakistan the Minister of Veterans Affairs is also representing the Canadian government at the inauguration of two other projects in which Pakistan and Canada have co-operated under the Colombo plan. Yesterday the Shadiwal hydroelectric project in West Pakistan was inaugurated, and tomorrow there will be a similar ceremony at the Goalpara thermal power station in East Pakistan.

With the completion of these major projects we are now discussing with the Pakistan government other projects in which we might assist Pakistan to further its economic development. From the \$50 million appropriated for Canadian aid under the Colombo plan in the fiscal year 1960-61, \$15 million has been allocated for capital assistance to Pakistan. Discussions have been proceeding with the government of Pakistan on the projects to be financed out of this allocation, and I am now able to inform the house that Canada has agreed to provide the following goods and services to Pakistan in 1960-61: wheat to the value of \$3,650,000; fertilizers to the value of \$2 million; aluminum to the value of \$1,140,000; wood pulp to the value of \$1,300,000, and an aerial survey and forest inventory in the Chittagong area of East Pakistan at a cost of \$500,000.

These grants total \$8.6 million. We are continuing our discussions with the Pakistan government on projects which might be financed with the remainder of the \$15 million. I will be making further announcements when we have reached agreement on other items in this year's Colombo plan program for Pakistan.

In the case of the wheat, fertilizers, aluminum and wood pulp, the government of Pakistan has agreed to set aside counterpart