

Inquiries of the Ministry

initial price of wheat, oats and barley for the new crop year beginning August 1. So I suggest there will be some decisions announced very soon.

HOUSINGINQUIRY AS TO MEETINGS WITH
PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister in charge of housing whether he has met with any or all of the provincial ministers who are his counterparts, as indicated on May 6 in the house?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, meetings are scheduled to start the last week of July and continue through the first week of August. I will be in a better position to report after these meetings have taken place.

LABOUR CONDITIONSSUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS—
PREFERENCE FOR OTHER UNEMPLOYED

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration which is really supplementary to that put by the hon. member for York South. In the minister's instructions to his officials concerning the summer employment program for students has he taken steps to ensure that jobs will not be made available to students which otherwise would have gone to unemployed men or women, particularly those with families?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, this is a very difficult question to answer offhand. We are doing our best to find jobs for unemployed persons with family responsibilities whether they be students or otherwise. We are trying to meet the requirements of the labour market for both groups.

Mr. Broadbent: The specific question I asked is whether the minister gave instructions to his department that unemployed men and women should be given preference over students?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, in the Canadian manpower centres we have been operating for a good many years under well recognized international standards of selection. We do not intend to import any kind of discrimination.

[Mr. Sharp.]

INDIAN AFFAIRSREQUEST FOR TABLING OF DRAFT POLICY
STATEMENT

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister in charge of housing. Would the hon. gentleman table the draft policy statement on Indian Affairs that he prepared when he held another position?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I will have to give that question a great deal of consideration.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Acting Prime Minister why the Minister of National Health and Welfare is not in the house? He is outside the chamber answering questions on television when he should be in the house.

HOUSE OF COMMONSSECRETARIAL STAFF—REQUEST FOR STATE-
MENT ON PAY INCREASES

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting President of the Treasury Board which he can take as notice. Will he make a statement regarding pay increases for the house secretarial staff?

Hon. Eric Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I will bring this matter to the attention of the President of the Treasury Board.

AGRICULTUREREQUEST FROM FARM UNIONS TO MEET
PRIME MINISTER ON WESTERN TRIP

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether he is in a position to answer the question I asked yesterday with regard to whether the Prime Minister's office had received a request from the farm unions to meet with them when he was out west and whether he had acceded to that request?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I did make inquiries of the Prime Minister's office and he has received an invitation. I do not think he will be seeing these organizations formally but I am quite sure he will see many of their members who will make their views known.