

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister not aware that in ordinary language the expression "develop a little more slack in the economy" means to deliberately allow unemployment to develop?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Pearson: The hon. gentleman should tighten up his question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's supplementary question is argumentative.

[Translation]

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

TERMINATION OF WORK AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. Could the Prime Minister tell us when the Centennial Commission mandate is to end, and whether the commission's financial statement is to be submitted for approval to the standing committee on public accounts?

Mr. Speaker: I do not see any immediate urgency in the hon. member's question. It seems that it could easily be put on the order paper.

[English]

GRAIN

INQUIRY AS TO USE OF ELEVATORS AT CHURCHILL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether it is the intention of the government to completely ignore the terminal at Churchill during the winter months. I am wondering whether the box cars which have accumulated on the railway sidings in Saskatchewan and Manitoba as a result of the strike at the lakehead will be moved to Churchill, or is it the intention to have these cars taken down to the lakehead before the freeze-up?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, as I announced several weeks ago it is the intention of the Canadian Wheat Board to fill the elevators at Churchill this fall.

Inquiries of the Ministry

HOUSE OF COMMONS

REQUEST FOR SCREENING OF WINDOWS IN CHAMBER

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works, notice of which I have given him. In order to prevent any further impairment of the eyesight of members sitting opposite the three large and improperly screened windows on the west side of the chamber, will the minister take action to see that these windows are properly screened as they were previously, and as are the two windows on the southwest side of the chamber?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. Since I am very sure it is in the interests of parliament and the country that the eyesight of hon. members be unimpaired, I will look into the matter immediately.

FISHERIES

POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE BY RUSSIA OF NORTH PACIFIC SALMON TREATY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries arising out of the question I asked him on Tuesday. In his discussions with the minister of fisheries of the Soviet union did the minister of fisheries for the Soviet union indicate that his country would be willing to join the north Pacific salmon fisheries treaty?

Hon. H.-J. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries): I believe the minister of fisheries for the U.S.S.R., Mr. Ishkor, made it very clear, particularly at a press conference in Vancouver when he said his country is not interested in joining the north Pacific treaty under its present terms.

FINANCE

INQUIRY AS TO REGULATIONS RESPECTING INTEREST DISCLOSURE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Yesterday the minister was good enough to say that he might be able to indicate when he would be in a position to publish the regulations under the interest disclosure section of the Bank Act.