

*Inquiries of the Ministry***NORTHERN AFFAIRS****ROADS TO RESOURCES—INQUIRY AS TO
RESUMPTION OF PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. On several occasions during the past year and a half the Prime Minister informed me that the cabinet was studying the possibility of reinstating the roads to resources program. Can the Prime Minister now say whether this important matter is still being considered and when a decision may be reached?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to make a statement on the matter today but I shall look into it right away.

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister tell us whether he has received any representations from the premier of Saskatchewan regarding the necessity of re-establishing the roads to resources program?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether this is the type of question that can be asked at this time. If there is no urgency the hon. member might place the question on the order paper.

AGRICULTURE**P.F.A.A.—REQUEST FOR EARLY REPORTS BY
INSPECTORS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. D. McLelland (Rosetown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Can he assure the house and the many interested farmers of western Canada that P.F.A.A. inspectors will be told to get their reports on the various crop failures in many districts filed as soon as possible so that farmers will receive assistance payments at an early date?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that a very large number of P.F.A.A. inspectors have been appointed this year—

An hon. Member: Are they all Liberals?

Mr. Greene: —and have commenced their work. Many of them are relics of the 1957 to 1963 era.

[Mr. Grafftey.]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**HAL BANKS—FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN
EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. What is the government doing in respect of its promise to assist in any extradition proceedings taken against Hal Banks?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this is a matter which is under the jurisdiction of the province of Ontario and, as I understand it, that province is asking for extradition in this matter.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether this should be a supplementary question or a repetition of the previous question because my question to the Prime Minister was, what is the government doing in respect of its promise to assist in any extradition proceedings taken against Hal Banks?

Mr. Pearson: We will be very glad to assist the province in this matter in the appropriate way.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister has said that he will be very glad to give assistance. What assistance is he giving the provincial government, because no doubt the government is interested in getting Hal Banks back to serve his term in penitentiary?

Mr. Pearson: I do not know whether any assistance has been requested.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, since the Prime Minister and the government are inclined to leave this matter to the provincial authorities in Ontario, I wonder whether the Prime Minister takes exception to the remarks made by the defence counsel for Mr. Banks in New York to the effect that this proceeding is an effort to save face for the Canadian people and the Canadian parliament?

BROADCASTING**REQUEST FOR EARLY APPOINTMENT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, it had been my intention to direct this question to the Secretary of State. I do