Inquiries of the Ministry

GRAIN

WHEAT-INQUIRY AS TO DATE OF FINAL PAYMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance asking him whether he has any information as to when the final payments through the wheat board will be announced, and what the amounts might be?

Hon, Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the order in council is being approved today and the announcement will be made tomorrow.

FARM MACHINERY

INCREASED PROFITS BY MASSEY-FERGUSON COMPANY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Will the announcement that accompanied the statement about increased profits by Massey-Ferguson Limited, to the effect that the company is forbidden by the securities and exchange commission in the United States to discuss reasons for the profit jump, prevent the agriculture committee from obtaining the full facts on farm machinery price increases when this matter is referred to that committee?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question is not in order.

ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

INQUIRY AS TO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO MARITIMES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport with respect to the Atlantic Development Board. In view of the recently disclosed action regarding the exclusion of four cities from the industrial incentives plan, can the minister say whether this matter of additional assistance is officially before the Atlantic Development Board? If it is not, should the cities formally apply on their own behalf?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that that question is really capable of the kind of answer it would be in order to give on orders of the day, because it would involve a long

and detailed statement. Perhaps the hon, gentleman could find some opportunity for discussion with me about it.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): I will try at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker, because the government has been stalling long enough on this matter.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to ask the Prime Minister. Bearing in mind the number of bills and resolutions currently on the order paper relating to a reduction in the very heavy toll of deaths and property damage from traffic accidents, will the Prime Minister consider referring these proposals either to a special committee, as was done in the case of divorce proposals, or to the justice committee?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to consider that suggestion with the house leader.

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell the house whether the opinion voiced last night, on the Pierre Burton program, by his Parliamentary Secretary, the hon. member for Mount Royal, against a special status for Quebec, represents his opinion?

[English]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, everything I hear affects my thoughts, but I did not hear this program.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question?

Could the right hon. Prime Minister tell us if the opinion expressed on this same program to the effect that the President of the Privy Council should leave the cabinet also reflects his way of thinking?

Mr. Speaker: That question is also out of order.

[Mr. Speaker.]