

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): I wonder whether in the discussions with the premier so far the question of \$2 wheat was raised, which both the premier and the Prime Minister promised the farmers?

Mr. Pearson: Perhaps the hon. member will put that very important question on the order paper.

ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD—NEGOTIATIONS WITH NOVA SCOTIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport with regard to the Atlantic development board. Has the Atlantic development board reached a conclusion in its negotiations with the government of Nova Scotia with regard to the \$20 million earmarked for its use?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there have been conversations not only between the board and the government of Nova Scotia but also between the premier and myself on this matter. I think at the present time we feel that it would be desirable to continue these discussions a little longer before trying to reach a conclusion. I think the premier and I are in agreement on this particular point.

TRANSPORT

NOVA SCOTIA—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FERRY SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gerald A. Regan (Halifax): I should like to direct a question to the honourable and distinguished Minister of Transport. In view of the continuing need for a second New England to Nova Scotia ferry, will the minister, as an interim measure, make representations to the Canadian Pacific to operate the *Princess of Acadia* between Saint John and Digby twice daily during the coming tourist season?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I shall be glad to give that matter consideration.

SPORTS

PAN-AMERICAN GAMES—REQUEST FOR INCREASED FEDERAL SUPPORT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs, who is the cabinet minister representing Manitoba. I should like to ask him what action, if any, he is taking to per-

suaide the federal government to give greater financial assistance to the Pan-Am games in Winnipeg in 1967, in view of the increased cost of these games and in view of their great international importance.

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I fully realize that when the bringing of these games to Manitoba was first announced on the eve of an election, inadequate consideration was given to the financial aspects. Adequate consideration has now been given, and I am satisfied the federal government will do its share to keep these games in Winnipeg.

Mr. Churchill: May I ask a supplementary question. On the eve of another general election, what is the present government going to suggest?

Mr. Teillet: I think it is proper for me to keep the recommendations I make to the cabinet to myself and to my colleagues.

Mr. Churchill: I should like to ask a supplementary question of the minister of external affairs, who adopts a much more responsible attitude to these matters. In view of the international character of the Pan-Am games, would the minister of external affairs not interest himself in this great project which is of importance not only to western Canada but to all Canada, and is of great importance to his portfolio in the international field?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend knows this matter came up when he was in office, and I will not comment on what was done in that connection. The Minister of Veterans Affairs, I know, has been very active in this matter. I should think there is no relationship between this problem and the possibility of a general election, say a year from now.

Mr. Churchill: I understand the minister is not interested, then.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I hasten to assure my hon. friend that I am very interested; but my colleague the Minister of Veterans Affairs has been so active in this matter that he has relieved me of a responsibility that possibly otherwise I would have to assume.

COAL

NOVA SCOTIA—SUBVENTIONS ON COAL SOLD TO ONTARIO HYDRO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for