

Inquiries of the Ministry

EXPO '67

FEDERAL POSITION RESPECTING
PERMANENT EXHIBITION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): I have a question to address to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the statement by the premier of Quebec regarding the attitude of that province toward the continuation of Expo, is the federal government now in a position to state its attitude in this regard?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): We are still engaged in consultations with the government of Quebec and the city of Montreal, but if it is the wish of hon. members I shall make a statement early next week, perhaps Tuesday.

GRAIN

REPORTED LACK OF BOX CARS AND
SHIPPING ORDERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence Watson (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Due to the shortage of box cars and shipping orders in western Canada, which leaves 250 shipping points still on a unit quota, will the minister consider arranging a meeting with western farm leaders and heads of the grain companies to see what can be done to alleviate this critical situation in western Canada?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I will take that matter under consideration and talk to the wheat board about it.

[Later:]

Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. It arises from a telegram I received this morning informing me that shipping points in Alberta which are still on a unit basis have box cars available to them but are being refused shipping orders by the wheat board. Could he explain to the house why orders are being refused by the wheat board to these points?

Mr. Winters: Not at the moment, Mr. Speaker. I should like to take that question as notice.

Mr. Smallwood: I shall raise the question again at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Speaker.]

HOUSING

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF
FULL TIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the growing importance of housing as a matter of governmental concern, has the Prime Minister yet decided to appoint a full time minister of housing in the federal cabinet?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker; no decision has yet been made.

Mr. Knowles: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it intended to make such an appointment during this session?

Mr. Pearson: The intention of the government in this matter will be made known in due course.

[Translation]

IMMIGRATION

IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES TO NEW
CANADIANS ON ARRIVAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

As a result of an emergency situation created by the channelling of immigrants to certain areas of the country, has the minister received requests for assistance to new Canadians and is it his intention to take immediate steps to improve the scheduling of immigrant arrivals in various areas of Canada?

Mr. Speaker: This is a question of general policy and I do not believe it should be put at this time.

Mr. Allard: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF SERVICE
IN LOWER ST. LAWRENCE REGION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Guy LeBlanc (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport, I should like to put my question to his parliamentary secretary (Mr. Byrne).

Has the C.N.R. taken steps to replace the Ocean Limited which is to stop running in the lower St. Lawrence area next October 29?