

## AGRICULTURE

### STEPS TO MEET INCREASES IN COSTS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance may I direct my question to the Prime Minister. Since the outlook conference on agriculture stated that the price index of cost of goods and services used by farmers rose by 6.4 per cent in the 1966-67 period, and since that same conference forecast a similar increase—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has to ask a question. He cannot seek to give information but must ask for information.

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Speaker, my question is this. What does the government intend to do to check this fantastic cost increase, which will amount to something like 13 per cent in the two-year period for agriculture?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I wonder if the hon. member would mind directing his question to the minister when the minister is supposed to be in the house.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** He is supposed to be here now, isn't he?

[Translation]

## TELEVISION

### INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION ON EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to put a question to the Secretary of State, but in his absence, I will direct it to the Prime Minister.

Following the statement of the Quebec premier on educational broadcasting, will the government decide to issue licences for educational broadcasting to provinces wishing to operate their own system?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** We will, Mr. Speaker, apply the constitution which gives to the federal government jurisdiction on broadcasting.

**Mr. Asselin:** I would like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Will educational broadcasting be on the agenda of the next federal-provincial conference to be held in Ottawa in December? Will it be considered?

## Inquiries of the Ministry

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the question of the distribution of jurisdictions between the two levels of government is in fact on the agenda and the provinces might wish to discuss it.

**Mr. Asselin:** I have a further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

I think it should be easy for the Prime Minister to answer yes or no to my question whether that will be on the agenda.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Yes and no, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

### SALARY INCREASES FOR NON-CLASSIFIED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Could he shed some light on a serious and growing problem that is of concern to civilian employees of his department who still have not been classified? There are thousands of such employees, and they want to know whether action with regard to their pay increases will be taken before the end of the current year.

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that in the case of these people to whom the hon. member refers the classification process has not yet terminated, and that is probably why there is a delay.

**Mr. Forrestall:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister please find out whether the process has even begun? These people are complaining that the process has not yet begun.

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** I will undertake to do that, Mr. Speaker.

## FISHERIES

### PROPOSED POLLUTION OF LAKES FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and arises from a news report that the Fisheries Research Board will, for purposes of experimenting, artificially pollute 100 lakes near the Ontario-Manitoba border. Did the department or the board consult with the two affected provinces before making this decision?