

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): I believe they are not, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Rose: I wonder if the minister would be kind enough to look into this matter, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, Mr. Speaker, although I do not like unduly checking on committees of this House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Rose: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I was not requesting that the Solicitor General check on the committees—God forbid. I asked him if he would mind checking to see if the RCMP are present at these hearings?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to do that.

POST OFFICE**WINNIPEG—HIRING OF CHRISTMAS HELP BELOW MINIMUM WAGE**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Communications. In view of the fact that the Post Office in Winnipeg is hiring Christmas help at a rate of pay below the Manitoba minimum wage, will the minister look into this matter with a view to correcting it?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

CANADA PENSION PLAN**EXEMPTION OF OLD ORDER MENNONITES**

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has a decision been reached on the granting of an exemption from the Canada Pension Plan to the Old Order Mennonites?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for giving me notice of this question. The government is still giving active consideration to this matter. One of the factors involved in this consideration is the practice followed in other countries, which we are now looking into, especially with regard to what this has meant in terms of administrative difficulties. I would hope I would be in a position to give a final decision on the matter within the next month.

[Mr. Rose.]

AGRICULTURE**INQUIRY AS TO BARBER COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Has he received a request from the President of the National Farmers Union calling for the immediate release of the Barber Commission report? Would he also advise the House when we may expect the release of this report, whether there will be an interim report and, if so, when it will appear?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, quite obviously I cannot release the final report of the Barber Commission until I have received it, and I have not received it yet. There has been a further interim report, or what is more accurately described as a report dealing with a specific subject matter, that is, tractor and combine pricing patterns around the world. I have already answered that as soon as it is translated and printed it will be released. It cannot be done before that.

• (3:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**CANADIAN WORLD EXHIBITION CORPORATION****MEASURE WINDING UP EXPO**

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-6, to wind up the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition and to authorize the writing-off of certain costs and the deferral of certain payments connected therewith, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. John Burton (Regina East) moved:

That Bill No. C-6, An Act to wind up the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition and to authorize the writing-off of certain costs and the deferral of certain payments connected therewith, be amended by deleting therefrom sub-clause (1) of clause 7.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the party is over and just about everybody has gone home, except those people who have been left with the job of tidying up some of the problems that were created over the past several years in the administration of Expo affairs. These are the people who have to figure out how the bills are to be paid. They are still on hand, and the bills do have to be paid.