

Inquiries of the Ministry

minister. It is related to the important question asked by the hon. member for Rose-town-Biggar regarding the equalization of grain shipping quotas. Will the Minister of Transport confer with railroad officials with a view to having them place special emphasis on several seriously congested shipping points in Saskatchewan? This situation is urgent because there are only 43 more shipping days before July 31. As an example of the congested areas to which I refer let me mention Alida, Saskatchewan.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I will certainly refer this to the minister.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.—INCREASE IN
ELEVATOR CAPACITY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to preface my question to the Minister of Agriculture by saying how pleased I am to see him back. I know that he will now be in a position to make a favourable decision about the extension of grain elevator facilities in Prince Rupert, which was postponed some time ago.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Will the hon. member please ask his question?

Mr. Howard: I just asked the question. I wonder whether the Minister of Agriculture will enlighten the house as to the government's position in respect of this matter.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, may I say that during what I hope was a very useful trip the only thing that gave me concern, spoiled my enjoyment and caused me worry was the elevator situation at Prince Rupert. This matter certainly will be given due consideration.

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PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION
FOR VISITORS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the difficulty in obtaining accommodation in Montreal hotels during the Expo season in 1967, have any plans been made to set up some bureau of accommodation to relieve the situation, not only in respect of hotel accommodation but also in respect of restaurant and service accommodations, which are already becoming very pressing?

[Mr. Southam.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question should be placed on the order paper.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

INQUIRY AS TO AGENDA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the Prime Minister. On May 3 last the Prime Minister made a very welcome announcement to the effect that the main item of business on the agenda of the federal-provincial conference to be held in Victoria commencing June 16 will be the subject of federal assistance to university education. On May 9 the President of the Privy Council stated that the Prime Minister would be making a statement on this matter shortly, and I am wondering whether the Prime Minister is now in a position to tell the house what other matters will be subjects of discussion at this conference.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the exchanges with the provinces have not been completed as yet, but we expect they will be by this week end. I hope to be in a position early next week to make a statement in respect of any additional items that may be or have been suggested.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

REQUEST FOR REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
ELECTION EXPENSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he can tell the house how soon we may expect to receive the report of the committee on election expenditures. This is of great interest to the house and to the country.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State and I have been in touch regularly with that committee with the hope that by so doing we might expedite receipt of the report. I understand the committee is meeting today to work on the final drafting of the report, and I certainly hope it will be presented to the house in the month of June. The only assurance the committee has been able to give so far is that they expect to have it completed in June.