

Inquiries of the Ministry

and Commerce. It concerns the international wheat agreement. I should like to know whether formal ratification will be necessary by all the signatories to that agreement, and whether such ratification will be forthcoming before the new agreement is due to come into effect.

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Canada together with several other interested countries did ask the chairman of the international wheat council to convene a meeting, and he has now called a special session of the council to open in London on June 19. The purpose is to make arrangements for the revision or renegotiation of the present international wheat agreement. This will provide an opportunity for elaborating and extending the grain agreement concluded in the Kennedy round, for associating other countries with this agreement, and for bringing it into effective operation as soon as possible.

OIL

POSSIBLE INCREASED EXPORTS DUE TO
EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): I should like to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether, in view of the declaration made by several countries in the Middle East—Kuwait, Libya, Saudi Arabia and others—that shipments of oil to the United States and the United Kingdom are to be stopped, he can advise the house what action if any has been taken to accelerate deliveries of Canadian oil into positions where it could satisfy emergency requirements.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I can only say that all necessary measures are being taken by the National Energy Board and by the inter-departmental committee on energy to do that.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Has there been any discussion with the governments of Great Britain and the United States with reference to exports of petroleum, and has the Canadian government taken an initiative in this regard?

Mr. Pepin: I am aware of conversations in this regard at least with the United States.

Mr. Woolliams: I wonder whether the minister is now in a position to report anything in connection with the question I asked some

[Mr. Korchinski.]

days ago about a possible oil pipe line to tap the Chicago market.

Mr. Pepin: I answered that question last week, Mr. Speaker.

IMMIGRATION

CHARGES AGAINST CHINESE ACCUSED OF
ILLEGAL ENTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General and ask whether he would mind looking into the situation whereby Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers are laying charges against people of Chinese origin for entering this country illegally or under improper names. If he finds that this is so, will he take steps to see that this practice ceases?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is making a submission. That is not a question.

INCOME TAX

EXCESSIVE PAPER WORK IN MAKING
DEDUCTIONS FOR PART TIME HELP

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board. Can the minister advise the house what progress has been made toward relieving farmers, particularly fruit, vegetable and tobacco farmers, from the excessive amount of paper work that is required in making all the deductions when paying part time help?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking for a statement which should not be given by way of answer to a question at this time.

Mr. Hales: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could beg your indulgence in this matter. It is a timely question because of the season that is at hand, and I think the minister was about to make an announcement either in the house or outside it.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should make the announcement in the house. One of the things that has been done is that the former limitations for reporting income on T4's by farmers and all businessmen in Canada have been reverted to. Unless income tax and pension plan deductions are made, T4's do not