

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY
OF REASONS BEING GIVEN FOR REJECTION OF
PROJECTS

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the previous question put to the Secretary of State. Could the minister assure us that if people who have submitted projects that were rejected write to the department they will be given not a form letter but specific reasons why their particular project was rejected?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, in time.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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AGRICULTURE

POSSIBLE STEPS TO IMPROVE NET INCOME POSITION OF
ONTARIO FARMERS

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that the farmers of Ontario have suffered a reduction in net income from \$402 million to \$324 million, a difference of approximately \$78 million in the last year, what steps are the Department of Agriculture and the minister contemplating to improve the situation of Ontario farmers?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, a number of steps have been taken, far more than you will permit me to list in reply at this time. I am sure the hon. member will find on examination that many returns to the Ontario producers have increased rather substantially in the last four to five months.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

DISPUTE WITH NABET—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON
NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. It could be supplementary to the one that was put before seeking information concerning the dispute in the Post Office. Has the minister anything to report on that continuing old chestnut, the problems between NABET and the CBC? If the minister did not understand my question, I am referring to the CBC and NABET labour dispute which is still smouldering.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to report at this time.

[English]

Mr. Nowlan: Is the Secretary of State or the Minister of Labour going to take any direct initiatives to resolve this continuing labour problem, or is the Secretary of State

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finally going to tell the Canadian taxpayers either what this dispute is going to cost them or what they are saving as a result of the disruption of the CBC service?

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GRAIN

BARLEY—SUGGESTED INCREASE IN INITIAL PRICE TO
PROVIDE GREATER INCENTIVE TO PLANT

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Will any further action be taken as a result of the meeting he had with some provincial ministers of agriculture regarding the possibility of increasing the initial price of barley, a suggestion I made to the minister earlier, in the hope that farmers will increase their acreage this year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): In the discussions I had recently with the provincial ministers of agriculture we reviewed the same factors which had existed and which we had reviewed prior to the March 1 announcement of initial prices. At that time I had discussions with the Wheat Board and with many producer organizations concerning the proper level for initial prices, and the agreed 5 cent increase for barley was determined at that time. I see no reason to change it now. All of us are agreed that it is desirable for farmers to increase their barley plantings slightly over what was shown by the Statistics Canada survey.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

REQUEST FOR INTERIM REPORT ON CERTAIN GRANTS

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion a question, if he will take his mind off election planning for a few minutes. Can he indicate when he will be able to fulfil his obligation under the law and present to the House a supplementary report on the Regional Development Incentives Act, which he promised to present as soon as possible? Can he tell us how soon "as soon as possible" is?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I believe I answered this question last Thursday, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Burton: Has the minister given any further consideration over the weekend to the production of an interim report such as was suggested earlier?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): No, Mr. Speaker, the decision has been taken. I have asked that this report be prepared as soon as possible and it will be presented as soon as possible.