

Inquiries of the Ministry

tributed to the unsatisfactory operation of the futures market in respect of west coast operations?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I had some discussions with members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, at least indirectly, about this matter. The explanation, of course, is one which would better come from the exchange than from me. The indication from members of the Grain Exchange was that they thought a single futures market operating on a base in Thunder Bay, with a premium for Vancouver delivery, might in fact lead to a steadier futures situation in the Vancouver market.

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to the question I asked the minister. According to reports we have had, it would now appear that purchases of rapeseed at the west coast can be made only on a spot basis at day-to-day prices, which is a rather difficult operation for purchasers. Can the minister inform the House of the outcome of the meetings held over the weekend in Vancouver in respect of these operations, and has he any plans for establishing a sound basis of marketing and pricing there?

Mr. Speaker: I trust the minister's reply will be shorter than the question asked because there are about 30 seconds remaining in the question period.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I have no comment on those meetings at this time.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE OF HALIFAX SAILORS' MONUMENT BY DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I have given him notice of it. Would the minister consider having his department take over the sailors' monument at the south end of Halifax so that there will be a properly kept memorial for those Canadian servicemen whose grave is the Atlantic Ocean?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the interest of the hon. member in this very magnificent monument, but there are no funds in my estimates for such an undertaking. There are quite a few monuments of this kind throughout the country and usually they are looked after by local associations.

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BROADCASTING**QUEBEC—JURISDICTION OVER CABLEVISION**

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Secretary of State.

Is the minister in a position to give some clarification about the request from the province of Quebec to retain its jurisdiction over cablevision?

[Mr. Gleave.]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I think that the Quebec Minister of Communications gave all the clarifications in his speech and I am not his official agent.

Mr. Beaudoin: I would like to ask a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Is the government prepared to leave to provincial authorities cable-transmitted television programs of educational nature?

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, the position of the federal government in the field of educational television was outlined a few months ago in a comprehensive statement I made on motions and to which I refer the hon. member. It would take too much time to explain once again the whole situation and the agreements we concluded with the provinces.

Mr. Fortin: May I ask a question, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: I shall recognize the hon. member for Joliette and as soon as he has received an answer, the Chair will call orders of the day. The hon. member for Joliette.

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the hon. minister.

Since the Quebec Minister of Communications has announced the introduction of a law concerning cable television, could the minister say whether he will soon meet with his Quebec counterpart to discuss this subject, or whether he really intends to let the Supreme Court settle the question?

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that the alternative as formulated by the hon. member is a valuable one. I think that there are several other actions that both governments can take, further to personal conversations with a minister and the appeal to the courts. I feel that strategy, on either part, can be much more intricate, and procedure as well. I believe there is a possibility of preventing this difference of views from turning into a fruitless quarrel and, as far as we are concerned, we do intend to use all means to avoid a useless quarrel.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, before the question period began I attempted to gain unanimous consent of the House to deal with the growing concern and apprehension over implementation of the Opportunities for Youth program. Since the Secretary of State may not be here again for some days, and since there is urgency connected with the question, I wonder whether the House would allow the minister to clarify what steps are going to be taken to clear up the uncertainty about the criteria in respect of the program and the adequacy of funds.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking the House for unanimous consent to return to motions