

*Inquiries of the Ministry*INQUIRY AS TO BUILDING OF ELEVATORS IN
NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that according to reports the Wheat Board has experienced difficulty in meeting sales commitments because of grain not being in "a forward position", is the government giving consideration to building grain elevators in Canada's east coast province, Newfoundland?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to have a look at the report to which the hon. member is referring and see what substance there is to it. Of course, the question of the adequacy of facilities to carry and store Canadian grain is constantly under review.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the alarming statistics released today regarding unemployment in this country, I intended to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. I see by the roster he is supposed to be in his seat and I saw him in the building a while ago. Perhaps in his absence I can direct it to someone else. Will the legislation to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, promised for this session, be introduced at this session?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice and draw it to the attention of the minister.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INFLATION—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING
RENT INCREASES IN YUKON

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In the light of proposed rent increases of 27 per cent for tenants in federal government housing in the Yukon, will the minister explain to the House how this proposal relates to his expressed serious intention of applying restraints in order to curb inflation in the Canadian economy?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Shefford.

Mr. Dinsdale: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think the minister intended to

[Mr. Lang.]

reply because high costs are one of the great deterrents to settlement and development in the north.

[Translation]

COMMUNICATIONS

NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING QUEBEC BILL
ESTABLISHING JURISDICTION

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): I should like to ask a question to the Secretary of State.

Can the Minister say whether negotiations or discussions took place between the federal government or the Canadian Radio-Television Commission and the government of Quebec before the latter tabled a bill to establish provincial jurisdiction over means of communication.

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I do not know precisely, Mr. Speaker, what bill the hon. member is referring to. I am ready to answer this question but I have to get information about it first.

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

RESTRICTION OF SOCIAL AND
FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Is the Department of Veterans Affairs restricting social and financial counselling to those veterans who are in need of these services and who, in the past, have derived much benefit from them?

Mr. Speaker: I think the question could be placed on the order paper. If there is urgency, perhaps the hon. member would not mind suggesting to the Chair that it be considered at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Scott: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

IMMIGRATION

PROVISION OF CHINESE INTERPRETER SERVICE
AT VANCOUVER

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the difficulties encountered by the Chinese people in conversing with the immigration officials in Vancouver and surrounding area, will the minister consider reinstating the Chinese interpreter services which have been eliminated without any explanation?