

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Ryan:** Mr. Speaker, it is true that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration made a good statement; at least, it was good in part. It only went into the negative aspects of the whole situation and made excuses. It did not indicate what positive steps were being taken to encourage immigration from Europe.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Baldwin:** They were not even good excuses.

**NATIONAL FILM BOARD****LAY-OFFS OF EMPLOYEES—CHARGES FOR USE OF FILMS**

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. Has reconsideration now been given to the decision to lay off National Film Board employees and to introduce user charges for films? If so, will the minister indicate what decision or action has been taken?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is no doubt aware that, upon the request of the National Film Board Commissioner, I have asked an independent person to study this double question and that a report in this regard is to be submitted to the Commissioner himself with copies going to the interested parties, on January 15, which leaves another 72 hours for such submission.

[English]

**CRIMINAL CODE****PROCLAMATION OF REMAINDER OF AMENDMENTS RESPECTING BREATHALYZER**

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. It arises out of the proclamation of only part of the Criminal Code amendments dealing with the breathalyzer. When is the minister expecting those parts giving rights to accused people to be proclaimed as well?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I will not accept part of the preamble to that question because we believe the accused has sufficient rights under the legislation as it stands. In so far as that part of the question relating to providing a sample

[Mr. Speaker.]

of breath is concerned, that matter will depend on an appropriate container being approved.

**GRAIN****PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT BOXCARS FOR MOVEMENT**

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In light of the heavy build-up of space for grain at our terminal elevators, what action, if any, is the minister taking to ensure that sufficient boxcars are made available to move grain into market position and thus greatly improve the serious cash position in which prairie farmers presently find themselves?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the direct responsibility in this matter is, of course, that of the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatoon-Humboldt. However, I am working with him on a daily basis and had consultations with the railways as recently as Saturday. I am assured that they are taking all necessary or possible steps to bring about the most desirable situation.

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION****REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MEETING IN SAINT JOHN, N.B.**

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Will he take the House into his confidence as to the outcome of the meeting that took place on Friday last in Saint John, New Brunswick, involving himself, the deputy minister, the Atlantic Advisory Council and Devco?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. McGrath:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Did such a meeting take place? If so, can the minister tell us whether, as a result of this meeting, we shall finally obtain a development strategy, to quote the communiqué, for the Atlantic provinces?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I believe it is common knowledge that the meeting did take place. This was the second meeting with a committee which is supposed to advise the