

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

can be done to improve the position of farmers in the Peace River area who have five or six million bushels of feed grain to sell, for which there is a market in Canada but for which no box cars seem likely to be provided at the present time?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** The indication I gave that the Wheat Board is hopeful of equalizing quotas applies to the Peace River district as well as to other parts of the country.

## TRADE

## WHEAT—EFFECT ON SALES OF STRIKE OF VANCOUVER LONGSHOREMEN

**Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia):** Is the threat of a longshoremen's strike at Vancouver having a detrimental effect on wheat sales via the west coast?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** I have no report on any such effect as yet. I think it would not have such an effect at the moment, but I will be glad to look into this question further.

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** I had a question for the Solicitor General, Mr. Speaker. In his absence perhaps I can direct it to the Minister of Justice. Would the minister consult his colleague the Solicitor General, and perhaps Your Honour, with a view to making arrangements to supply a protective service of the R.C.M.P. to members of the Press Gallery?

## POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

## REQUEST FOR TABLING OF ADJUDICATION REPORTS ALLEGEDLY SUPPRESSED

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General, Mr. Speaker. Now that the minister, after his Sherlockian search, has obtained a copy of the reports of April 30 and May 15 by Chief Adjudicator Martin, will he take steps to have these documents tabled in this house and will he also give consideration to making a statement on motions concerning the plans he has in mind to improve the department's role in the consultative process?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** The tabling of the documents is not my responsibility, Mr. Speaker, but that of my colleague, the Minis-

ter of Supply and Services. With respect to the second part of the question, my officials met this morning in a preliminary meeting with officials of the Letter Carriers Union and meetings will continue. One is already scheduled for next week.

**Some hon. Members:** A supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Again, and this is the point at which I deliver my sermon, I feel very sincerely and deeply for hon. members who from the very start of the question period have been rising in an attempt to ask questions. When there are a number of supplementary questions, it becomes difficult for other hon. members to join the fray. The hon. member for Peace River has a supplementary question and perhaps we will allow him to ask it—

**Mr. Baldwin:** I will forgo it, Mr. Speaker. When I ask the President of the Privy Council about the business of the house I shall be able to introduce it as a related question.

## FISHERIES

## ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—LICENSING OF FOREIGN VESSELS

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Speaker. In view of the adverse reaction on the part of municipal and port authorities of St. John's to the directive prohibiting the licensing of foreign trawlers on weekends and statutory holidays, will the minister pay regard to the importance of this matter and reconsider the order?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** We are reconsidering the order in the sense that we may be granting licences for a longer period of time. I want to assure the hon. member that every consideration is being given to applications made during normal working hours. We are, however, thinking of extending the term of the permit itself.

## HALIBUT TREATY—SEIZURE BY U.S. OF CANADIAN VESSEL "SHIRLEY ROSE"

**Mr. Tom H. Goode (Burnaby-Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries. Has the Canadian halibut vessel *Shirley Rose* been seized illegally by the United States coast guard off west coast waters, and could the minister advise the house whether this international incident is an indication that the U.S. authorities are