Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL DEFENCE

EFFECTIVENESS OF NEW ANTI-SUBMARINE DESTROYERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Defence. The question is based on an editorial appearing in the Daily Packet and Times regarding Canada's projected new anti-submarine destroyers. The title of this editorial is "Will our new antisubmarine destroyers be too slow to run and too weak to fight?" Would the Minister like to comment on this?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise my hon. friend that he has been badly misinformed in this regard. The new destroyer escorts which are planned, together with the heavy helicopters they will carry, will be one of the most effective anti-submarine systems in the world. The anti-submarine helicopters are very fast and well equipped. They have worked out a technique which is unique in the western world, and in combination with the weapons system employed will probably be paramount among anti-submarine systems. I can assure my hon. friend that he should take this message back to the paper to which he referred.

TRANSPORT

DELAY IN MOVEMENT OF GRAIN FROM WESTERN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I should like to direct to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. My question is based on many current complaints and newspaper stories respecting the slow movement of grain out of western Canada and particularly southeastern Saskatchewan. Can the Minister say whether the Canadian Wheat Board is getting the proper co-operation from the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. in moving grain out of these congested areas?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, as I said in reply to a question recently, the main problem has been that Canadian Pacific Railway did not start moving grain to the Lakehead as early as the Board would have wished. Consequently quotas at delivery points in southeastern Saskatchewan along the C.P.R. route Speaker, I wish to address a question to the

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to the Lakehead are not as high as they should be for this time of year. However, I am happy to say there has been a notable improvement in recent days, and if the C.P.R. continues to haul grain to the Lakehead at the rate it has been doing over the last few days the Wheat Board expects that the quotas will be equalized at a higher level at the end of the year.

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. According to the Wheat Board's statement on quota distributions it is to be noted that the provinces are now on a six bushel quota whereas last year most provinces were on an eight bushel quota. The Minister mentioned the southeastern part of Saskatchewan. Does this answer apply to the question which I asked as to why the provinces were two bushels per point ahead last year compared to this year?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I think I should take that as notice.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

DORION COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. It is rumoured that the Dorion report is now in the hands of the Government. I am wondering whether the Minister would care to confirm that. Second, in view of the fact that the report is either in the hands of the Government or about to come into the hands of the Government, could he give the House a report on the very interesting escape of Rivard?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member for Kootenay West.

Mr. Woolliams: Then I will put the question to the Prime Minister. Is it a fact that the Dorion report is now in the hands of the Government?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

CONSIDERATION OF STAFF BOARD REPORT ON STAFF

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr.