

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HOUSING****SUGGESTED REASON FOR INCREASED ACTIVITY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. While all hon. members are pleased to see house building activity showing signs of recovering from the near collapse of a year ago, is the Acting Prime Minister aware that the higher level of starts reflects the desire of the lending institutions to place their funds before the N.H.A. rate is reduced?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I could hardly imagine a more argumentative question than that. If you will allow me some measure of latitude to deal with it as I think it should be dealt with, I shall be glad to do so. I think you might rule, however, that it would have the attributes of a debate on the subject.

Mr. Speaker: I think the minister is correct, that the hon. member is not so much interested in getting information as in making a point.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**MOOSONEE, ONT.—THREATENED STRIKE ACTION BY CARPENTERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Labour I should like to direct a question to the minister's parliamentary secretary. He may take the question as notice if he has not the information. My question rises out of a telegram I received which reads as follows:

Carpenters at Moosonee voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action. Conciliation board report directs parties meet with government departments involved.

Has the minister received a request for intervention in the dispute concerning carpenters presently employed on the radar installations at Moosonee, Ontario, and if so, can he indicate to the house whether he is prepared to appoint an official of the department?

Mr. R. D. Thrasher (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I shall be pleased to take the question as notice.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN

JOHN WASLYCHEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. My question is based

[Mr. Nesbitt.]

upon a starred question of May 3 which was made an order for return. This question asked for certain statistical information about the late Mr. John Waslychen, who was an inmate of the British Columbia penitentiary. I wonder whether the minister can inquire to see whether or not this information might be made available before the estimates of his department are considered.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I was inquiring about that matter just before coming down to the chamber. I was shown a draft return which I felt was acceptable, except that I thought one part of the answer should be expanded to give the information asked for. That should be done within the next couple of days.

GRAIN**WHEAT—DECREASE IN EXPORTS THROUGH PORT OF QUEBEC**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Bourget (Levis): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture I should like to ask a question of the acting minister. Has the minister been made aware that the exportation of wheat from the port of Quebec is continually decreasing? If so, what action is contemplated by the government to remedy the situation?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Acting Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the situation which the hon. member mentions. However, I will be very glad to refer this matter to the department in order to secure an answer at the earliest possible moment.

(Translation):

REPORTED DIFFERENCE IN RETURNS TO EASTERN AND WESTERN FARMERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Samuel Boulanger (Drummond-Arthabaska): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Agriculture or in his absence, for the Acting Minister of Agriculture. My question arises from a report published in *Le Devoir* of this morning to the effect that farmers in the lake St. John area are being subjected to unfair competition due to the fact that they are paying from \$10 to \$20 more per ton for feed grain than the western farmers. I am therefore asking the minister if any action will be taken to correct this situation.

(Text):

Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture): I shall be happy to bring this matter to the attention of the minister.