

ing all future energy in this country as a public utility under public ownership?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** No, Sir.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Can the minister say whether or not he has given any consideration to approaching one or more of the producing provinces bilaterally with a view to co-operating in developing their energy resources under public ownership?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, we have had conversations with more than one province, particularly with regard to federal sharing of the proceeds of the export tax. We indicated that on a joint venture basis we would be prepared to co-operate with the province's priorities in energy development. In that sense we have had discussion of this type.

[Translation]

MEASURES TO ENSURE DELIVERY TO EASTERN CANADIAN PORTS OF OIL NORMALLY MOVED THROUGH PORTLAND-MONTREAL PIPELINE

**Mr. Georges-C. Lachance (Lafontaine):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport.

Can he tell me whether further arrangements have been made in our eastern ports to take delivery of the oil that some countries are unwilling to ship via Portland?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, if we can get oil from a source other than the Portland pipeline, there is no doubt that we will be ready to take delivery of it.

**Mr. Lachance:** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the minister whether winter navigation on the St. Lawrence up to Montreal will be included in those further arrangements?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** No, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE MEETING WITH NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER CONCERNING INCREASE IN PRICE OF FUEL OIL

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Colchester-Cumberland North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Can the Prime Minister tell me whether he has had any communication with the premier of Nova Scotia regarding a meeting in relation to the increase in the price of fuel oil in Nova Scotia that will take effect tomorrow?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Coates:** May I ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether the premier has requested a meeting with him immediately regarding the increase in the price of fuel oil in Nova Scotia that will take effect tomorrow?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I would have to confirm

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that with my office. I am not aware of it but perhaps such a request has been made.

### OIL—STATEMENTS BY MINISTER CONCERNING POSSIBLE WORLD SUPPLY SHORTFALL AND MEETING CANADIAN NEEDS

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has stated publicly that Canada, as a good international citizen, must share equally in any shortfall of world petroleum supplies. The minister has also stated that Canada's needs will be served first by Canadian crude oil, even if this means cutting off exports to countries that might be in short supply. Can the Prime Minister reconcile these conflicting statements and indicate to the House just what the government's policy is?

Some hon. Members: Answer!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure the hon. member realizes that to ask a minister to reconcile one statement with another is debate and that a question in those terms is not in order.

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### GRAIN

#### FEED GRAIN MARKETING POLICY—POSITION OF SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, my question has to do with the marketing of feed grains. Has the Minister of Justice been made aware of the fact that, despite his pilgrimage to western Canada to convince the farmers to the contrary, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool has made it clear that it cannot accept the system now decided upon by the government for 1974 and 1975?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I have received a document from the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool that indicates some further conclusions by them on the feed grain issue. I was pleased to see that they accepted the basic principle of equitable pricing across Canada and other very important features in the plan. In that spirit of reasonable discussion for which they are well known they have put forward a possible alternative way of accomplishing that objective, and we will be discussing this alternative with them further in the days ahead.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, apparently the minister did not read what the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool said. He has picked out one item. Did not the Wheat Pool say that the Wheat Board must be retained as sole marketing agent, and is that not contrary to what the government wants to do? Second, did not the board of directors of the pool say that they want an equitable system of pricing and, in particular, an adequate level of floor price protection? In view of those facts, instead of quibbling with words is the minister now prepared to back from the position the government took which is not acceptable to the pools of western Canada?