

**Mr. Downey:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister to indicate the attitude of the cattlemen's associations with which he discussed this matter during the Easter recess.

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, all the views of the various organizations, some pro and some con, are well known to all members of the committee.

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#### PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

##### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS—REVIEW BY SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Having seen into what deep waters his colleague the Solicitor General was drawn, can he now advise whether he has given consideration, under the appropriate section of the Supreme Court Act, to requesting a review by the Supreme Court of the Prince Edward Island act to prevent public gatherings?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, we would not initiate a reference to the Supreme Court on a matter affecting provincial legislation. If that legislation is to be challenged in any way on constitutional grounds, the courts are open.

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, would the minister indicate when, and in what form, this House will be discussing the question of the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act, at which time the question of the constitutionality of the Prince Edward Island legislation could be discussed?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Soon, Mr. Speaker.

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#### CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

##### REPORT ON FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Further to my question to the minister on April 1, I should like to ask whether he can now advise if he has received the report of the Cape Breton Development Corporation on the so-called master plan for future development of Cape Breton Island, and can he also advise when action will commence on the implementation of such a plan?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that this plan has yet to be formally approved by the board of directors of Devco; once approved—and a study is now being conducted—I will be glad to relay its findings to the hon. member.

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

**Mr. Muir:** Mr. Speaker, I intended to ask whether the minister intends to table the plan. He continues to insist that he has never seen the plan and knows nothing about it. In light of the fact that the front page of the Cape Breton Post of Wednesday, April 14, carries a complete and comprehensive—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would like to ask his supplementary without making an argument in support of the question.

**Mr. Muir:** Mr. Speaker, I have to lay some background for the benefit of the minister who is so vague and at a loss in respect of the whole situation. He does not seem to know where the plan is or if there is such a plan. In view of the fact that this newspaper report is so detailed and comprehensive that it cannot be speculative, surely, members of this House ought to be given—

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

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

**Mr. Muir:** Will the minister now give some information on the report?

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the minister might want to reply briefly. Let me bring to the attention of hon. members that we are running short of time. We have only three minutes left for the question period and a considerable number of members have not had an opportunity this afternoon to ask questions.

[Translation]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I merely hope, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member will kindly send me a copy of the paper in which the report appeared.

[English]

**Mr. Muir:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I should be very pleased to send a dozen copies to the minister if that will assist in stopping this government from playing so fast, so ruthlessly and so callously with the unemployed people of Cape Breton Island where unemployment is now up to 25 per cent.

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

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#### GRAIN

##### RAPESEED—CLOSING OF VANCOUVER FUTURES MARKET BY WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE—CONSULTATION WITH MINISTER

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the decision by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange to close the futures market for rapeseed at Vancouver, will the minister inform the House whether or not he was consulted before this decision was taken and whether the action can be at-