

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): There are no immediate plans in this regard. Of course the unit quota is the first thing that must be filled, and we must assess the whole situation before making plans for over deliveries.

Mr. Benjamin: I have a supplementary question. Will the minister check with the Canadian Wheat Board to see whether the practice in previous years when harvest conditions were similar will be followed again and over-delivery quotas allowed in places where the out of condition grain is at its worst?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is now making a submission or a representation.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR YUKON TERRITORIAL JUDGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Justice. Has he or his department received a written request from Hon. L. Peterson, minister of labour and attorney general for British Columbia, requesting a leave of absence for Judge Parker who has been appointed chairman of the mediation commission? If so what decision has been made in regard to the request?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have the impression the question has already been asked, though I may be wrong.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to question Your Honour's memory. I do not think the question asked by the hon. member for Kootenay West has been answered, and since the minister seemed to be ready to reply to it I wonder if Your Honour could reconsider your ruling.

Mr. Speaker: It has already been reconsidered.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Department of Justice received a letter from the attorney general of British Columbia on May 29 asking for leave of absence for the territorial judge in the Yukon, Mr. Justice Parker, so he could serve as chairman of the mediation commission in British Columbia. This matter was discussed by the government and I wrote Mr. Peterson, the attorney general of British Columbia, on

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August 21 and said we could not recommend that leave of absence be granted for a seven year period under the circumstances given by Mr. Peterson. I also told the attorney general of British Columbia that it appeared to us that certain provisions of the Judges Act were incompatible with Judge Parker acting as chairman of the mediation commission under the terms of that commission for a seven year period.

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[*Translation*]

Mr. J.-A. Mongrain (Trois-Rivières): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Prime Minister.

Could he advise the house if the Leader of the Opposition has tabled an attendance register for his ghost cabinet?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the honourable Minister of Finance.

In a speech he made on October 1, 1968 at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the IRDB, the honourable minister mentioned in the second paragraph:

We try to seek and formulate a set of economic programs which will free some resources. We are looking closely at our taxation system and priorities—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The honourable member should ask a question and he should not make a speech.

Mr. Matte: Here is my question, Mr. Speaker. Has the honourable minister considered the advisability of improving our monetary system?

[*English*]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Prime Minister. I ask it in the absence of the Leader of the Opposition, who is out in the country seeing how far short of performance is the just society.

Would the Prime Minister shortly place before the appropriate committee, either the justice committee or the committee on Indian affairs and northern development, the report