

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons, which is well known to all members of the House, is that for that particular year there was a very sharp decline in exports of grain. The predictions of my colleague are to the effect that this will be corrected, and that correction is already under way.

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GRAIN

ADDITIONAL SALES—MOVEMENT INTO EXPORT POSITION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. The minister has talked about sales of grain, yet grain is still piled up on farms and the country elevators are plugged. If there have been all these sales made, why is the grain not moving?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): It is certainly true, Mr. Speaker, that a large quantity of grain is on hand, and this is the reason for certain action that we took last year, which was not necessarily supported by the hon. member opposite. Grain is moving very rapidly out of the country elevators. The country elevators were congested at the beginning of this crop year, but it is my hope that we need not operate them in that fashion in the future.

Mr. Woolliams: In light of the sarcastic answer of the minister—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Woolliams: —would the minister now be more practical and tell the House when quotas will be increased in order to move the grain?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, quotas have been increasing steadily as grain is required in the movement. The hon. member may not be aware of the fact that there is a ten bushel quota for barley, a three bushel quota for Durum, a two bushel quota for wheat generally, a five bushel quota for rye, and an eight bushel quota for rapeseed, and so on.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Chair will allow one more supplementary to the hon. member for Calgary North but we will go on with another subject after that.

Mr. Woolliams: I put this supplementary question to the minister. There may be the quotas he describes, but will he tell the House why grain is not moving off the farms to the country elevators in line with these quotas? That is my question, and I say to the minister he should stop misrepresenting the facts.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Later:]

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, is the minister not aware that the quota on rye now is eight bushels rather than the five bushels he mentioned a few moments ago?

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NATIONAL SECURITY

WAR MEASURES ACT—REQUEST FOR COPY OF STATEMENT BY QUEBEC MINISTER OF JUSTICE ON SEARCHES, ARRESTS, ETC.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Justice. Would he be good enough to obtain a copy of the statement made yesterday by the Quebec Minister of Justice in the National Assembly of that province giving details of the searches and arrests and other matters since the proclamation of the War Measures Act, and table that statement in the House?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to do that. I checked the figures myself and they agree with the figures I delivered on behalf of the RCMP as of November 24, 1970. I will be glad to get those figures.

Mr. Lewis: I understand from press reports that the Minister of Justice of Quebec did not merely give the figures that the Minister of Justice gave us here but also gave other breakdowns. This is the information that I hope the minister will agree to table.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): As I understand it, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice of Quebec tabled in the National Assembly in response to a written question details somewhat more full than those that have been required of me here. But so far as they relate to the figures I have given the House, they do correspond.

WAR MEASURES ACT—INVESTIGATION OF BEATING OF PERSONS ARRESTED

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Has the Minister of Justice been in touch with the Minister of Justice of Quebec regarding the inquiry into the alleged mistreatment of some of those who were imprisoned under the War Measures Act regulations, and has the minister any report he can make to the House, either briefly now or on motions at an appropriate time?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, my last conversation with the Attorney General of Quebec on that particular subject was on Monday, and I did report to the House at that time. I have nothing further to add at the moment.

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WAR MEASURES ACT—PAYMENT BY QUEBEC FOR SERVICES OF ARMED FORCES

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice.

Can he tell us whether the statement of the Quebec Minister of Justice, to the effect that the services of the armed forces in Quebec are costing \$500,000 a day, is correct?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): There is no reason why I should confirm that, Mr. Speaker. That is the responsibility of the Quebec National Assembly.