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**Mr. Skoberg:** Could the answer be made along the lines of how many bids there were, and how much was spent on outside services?

**Mr. Pepin:** As the debate goes on I will try and answer that question.

**Mr. McCutcheon:** While the minister is looking that up could he tell us what the extra half million dollars was for under this item?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Chairman, if we could proceed I will give the explanation at the end of the debate.

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Chairman, I still have some questions on the rapeseed item. Shall we take them on vote 3 or vote 1?

**The Chairman:** I think we can proceed on vote 1.

**Mr. Gleave:** I note that the grant to promote improvements in the manufacture of rapeseed is reduced from \$180,000 to \$144,000. Why has it been reduced, and what was the nature of the reduction?

**Mr. Pepin:** The obvious is apparently the truth. Some of the work has been done, so there is less need for more work, and consequently there is less need for more money.

**Mr. Gleave:** But our markets have not been improved that much.

**Mr. Pepin:** I am informed that the study will be completed this year, and that there is less need for money because the study is coming to a conclusion.

**Mr. Gleave:** These were studies to promote improvement in the manufacture of rapeseed products. Does the department do any work on the improvement of strains or varieties, or is that left entirely to the Department of Agriculture?

**Mr. Pepin:** It is a market study to promote improvement, and the study is coming to a conclusion. I presume if there is any promotion to be made the Department of Agriculture or the industry itself more probably will be responsible for it.

**Mr. Gleave:** I would also like information on the GATT negotiations. Was the rate of tariff on the entry of soybeans into the United States altered as a result of the GATT negotiations, and was the rate of tariff on rapeseed entering Japan altered as a result of those negotiations?

[Mr. Pepin.]

**Mr. Pepin:** I think the hon. member will want to be generous and accept my promise to write him and give him the proper information. This is something I do not have at the tip of my finger or in my book for that matter.

**Mr. Gleave:** All right, it would be fine if the minister would be kind enough to do that. I would also like to know the amount of money or effort which the Department of Trade and Commerce is spending on the promotion of the sale of rapeseed into Japanese and western European markets?

**Mr. Pepin:** I say "bis" to that.

**The Chairman:** Order. I would point out that we are dealing specifically with the estimates of the Department of Industry, and to the Chair it appears that this might be a question to be raised on the estimates of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

**Mr. Gleave:** Mr. Chairman, the rapeseed item is here. Certain amounts of money have been spent. I am interested in why these amounts of money have dropped \$40,000 in the current year, at a time when export markets are of vital importance to us. I am quite willing to accept the minister's statement that he does not have the information at the moment but, Mr. Chairman, I am not willing to accept an implication that these questions should not be asked at this time. I think the tariff changes are of importance and that is why I asked the questions. If the minister is willing to give the answers to me in due time, this will be satisfactory.

I see no items here for the Canadian Wheat Board. I know that the Wheat Board to a large extent, almost entirely, is self-financing. I assume that is why there are no items here for that board, which comes under the Department of Trade and Commerce. I may say I am somewhat disappointed that the Department of Trade and Commerce is not spending some money promoting the sale of rapeseed in overseas markets. I had been under the impression that the Department of Trade and Commerce was making some effort to promote the sales of rapeseed in overseas markets, particularly Japan. I am surprised, when these estimates are before us, that there is no evidence in them that the Department of Trade and Commerce is spending time and money on the promotion and marketing of rapeseed. I would be very pleased if the minister could assure me that they are spending some time and money on the promotion of rapeseed.