

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the grain in place at Thunder Bay is at about the ideal level for maximum working efficiency. There is a significant progress in maintaining space in elevators throughout the Prairie region in line with what is really the new objective, to see that there is space there and that congestion does not get in the way of proper handling of the grain.

Mr. Gleave: Mr. Speaker, could the minister assure the House that the procedure under the block system whereby cars are supposed to be allocated following shipping orders is working effectively?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I can say that the block system seems to be working very well indeed. Of course there is some concern at particular points about the allocation of cars. I should remind hon. members that a portion of the decision as to where cars are allocated within the share allocated to a specific elevator company belongs to the elevator company.

PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS POLICY—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, could the minister inform the House when legislation based on his October 29 proposal for grain income stabilization will be introduced?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker, I cannot put an exact time on that at this point.

Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, will the minister inform the farmers of the full details of the plan and provide adequate opportunity for them to make representations on the proposals before the legislation is finally enacted?

Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it certainly is our intention, and this has already been made known to producer organizations, to welcome representations, and I am inviting them directly from all producers in moving toward final details of the plan. Those details which have not been finalized have not been finalized simply because we wanted the full advice of producers before coming to such a decision.

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AGRICULTURE

DAIRYING—REVISION OF POLICY RESPECTING GRANTS

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture, I wish to direct a question to his Parliamentary Secretary. In the light of the report tabled yesterday by the federal Department of Agriculture before the agricultural conference, held in Ottawa, to the effect that the net farm income, in Canada, will increase by approximately \$120 million in 1971, and decrease by more than \$10.6 million in Quebec, does the minister intend to review his dairy policy and

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finally grant increased amounts to the dairy producers of Quebec?

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question asked by the hon. member, I must say that the policy of the Department of Agriculture concerning dairy products is presently under consideration, and when the department has taken a decision, we shall inform hon. members.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

IMPLEMENTATION OF BAY OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER PROJECT AS MEANS OF PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Last week I asked him whether his government would reconsider its decision with regard to the study on the harnessing of the Bay of Fundy tides for power in view of decreasing interest rates and the anticipated heavy unemployment in the Atlantic provinces. The Prime Minister stated he would look into the matter. Has he had an opportunity to look into the matter and is he able to indicate the position of the government?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker. There is no provision for reconsidering this matter at this time.

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GRAIN

ALLEGED EFFECT OF DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM ON HOG PRICES

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the seriously depressed price situation in regard to live hogs, would the minister tell us what plans he has to rectify this disastrous situation since it is a direct result of his diversification program in relation to grain?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, quite clearly this was not a result of the diversification program. If the hon. member knew his local facts he would know the move was well under way before the diversification program, but it is also true, of course, that the stabilization program which we propose should have a very good indirect effect on the hog industry.

INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT STABILIZATION—DISCUSSION AT CANADA-UNITED STATES MINISTERIAL MEETING

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration responsible to the House for the Canadian Wheat Board. With respect to the high level talks