

*Inquiries of the Ministry***GRAIN****CLOSURE OF ELEVATORS FOLLOWING ACQUISITION OF FEDERAL GRAIN BY MANITOBA POOL—ACTION TO PROTECT FARMERS**

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice in his capacity as the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. With reference to the takeover by Manitoba Pool Elevators of the line elevator system of Federal Grain and the consequent announcement of closure of elevators which is causing great hardship for many farmers, can the minister say whether the Wheat Board is looking into these closures with a view to protection of the farmers concerned?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have not had specific closures brought to my attention. These, of course, are ordinarily undertaken by the elevator company concerned on its own examination of the financial situation and presumably with the best interests of the farmers in mind.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that there are only three or four minutes left before the end of the question period, and even that may be stretching the time a little bit. I note that the hon. member for Churchill has a supplementary and he will be recognized for that purpose, but it should be brief.

Mr. Simpson: Is the minister saying that he has not had representations to have the Wheat Board look into the situation caused by these closures?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I said that none had been directed to my attention.

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BROADCASTING**PROGRAM, "SESAME STREET"—REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN TERMS OF CANADIAN CONTENT**

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. In view of the fact that television stations are now announcing that "Sesame Street" will not be carried on most of the stations concerned this year because there has been a change in its designation from a neutral position to an American position in terms of Canadian content, in light of its educational value would the minister give consideration to having this program re-established in its neutral position with regard to Canadian content?

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Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I shall examine the matter, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]**MANPOWER****REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CENTRE AT STONEY CREEK**

Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Because of the excessively crowded conditions in Stoney Creek manpower centre which is in very poor rented premises, could a new manpower centre be built there very shortly?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is a representation.

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HEALTH**INQUIRY AS TO PLANS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF FAMILY DOCTORS**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the overwhelming evidence given by people recently indicating the great need for family doctors, has the minister any plans for increasing the output of family doctors?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. There was some commotion and I did not fully hear the hon. member's question. Would he kindly repeat it?

Mr. Rynard: In view of indications by the people that their great need today is for more family doctors, what plans does he have to meet this need?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubts about a question so general in nature which has been asked a number of times in past weeks, but if the minister can reply in a few words he has just about ten seconds to do so.

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, I would refer the hon. member to the very detailed answers I gave to the same question in recent weeks indicating that a great deal has been done.

Mr. Rynard: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, this is not the question at all. A news release was issued about a week ago but it had nothing to do with the manpower situation.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS**SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKLET DEALING WITH SUPERMARKET PRICING—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CONTROL OF PRODUCTS FROM FARM TO SHELF**

Ms. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Has his attention been drawn to the study by a professor of sociology at Simon Fraser University which finds that supermarket chains