

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TRADE**SASKATCHEWAN PROPOSALS RESPECTING
WHEAT AND POTASH

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister had discussions with Premier Thatcher of Saskatchewan today, or is he about to have them and, if so, could he advise the House whether he is willing to support the Premier's barter deal on wheat and the prorationing of production and a minimum price for potash?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No to the first part of the question, Mr. Speaker, which makes the second part hypothetical.

Mr. Southam: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the Prime Minister has his discussion with the Premier, will he look favourably on his representations?

CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTYSTATUS OF WATERS BETWEEN ST. PIERRE-
MIQUELON AND CANADA

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In his reply to a question from the Leader of the Opposition the Prime Minister referred to international waters. Can the Prime Minister tell the House what will be the status of the waters which lie between St. Pierre and Miquelon and Canada? Will any fishing activity be permitted in this area, and will our boundaries be the traditional three miles or will the 12-mile limit apply?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am afraid I cannot answer that statistical question, Mr. Speaker.

ACCESS TO NORTHWEST PASSAGE
FOR FOREIGN SHIPS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the recent statement of the Minister of Transport that it is acceptable to Canada to permit free access to the northwest passage to United States ice-breakers and freighters, is it the policy of the Canadian government to agree that access shall be permitted to all other nations irrespective of their purposes or their relationship with Canada and the western world?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Laing.]

Mr. Woolliams: A further supplementary question. In view of the fact that the United States has already made use of the passage, is the government making certain that there will be security restrictions and protection for Canada and, indeed, North America, against the use of access to the northwest passage by nations for purposes other than trade and goodwill?

Mr. Trudeau: In so far as it will be necessary and possible, Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

LOCATING OF CF-5 AIRCRAFT

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Minister of National Defence. I hope he will be able to reply to it so that I can answer a number of questions I have received. Has a decision been reached to locate any of the new CF-5 aircraft in northern Canada? If so, how extensive will be the navigational equipment necessary to meet Arctic conditions having regard to the proximity of the magnetic pole?

Mr. Speaker: I have the impression that this is the type of question that should be placed on the order paper. When the hon. member receives a reply in writing, perhaps he could pass on the information in writing to his constituents.

Mr. Winch: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. By leaving out the last part—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Perhaps the hon. member might like to rephrase the question.

Mr. Winch: May I ask the Minister of National Defence whether a decision has been reached to locate any of the CF-5 aircraft in northern Canada?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): No decision has been reached, Mr. Speaker, because there are no such plans.

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BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FOR PROGRAMS

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State.