

*Inquiries of the Ministry***GRAIN****SASKATCHEWAN PLAN TO BARTER
WHEAT FOR MACHINERY**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board. I refer the minister to his statement in the House yesterday:

—no one can, of course, stop the Saskatchewan Power Corporation or any other similar body or company in Canada from buying Canadian wheat and doing whatever they like with it.

Could the minister clarify this statement in view of the role of the Canadian Wheat Board as the sole agency responsible for marketing Canadian wheat?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am glad to do so. I was referring to the opportunity they would have of buying wheat from agents of the Canadian Wheat Board, in foreign countries, such as Japan, Germany or wherever the contractor who might be interested in the transaction is located.

Mr. Gleave: May I say, Mr. Speaker, that the answer intrigues me. I wish to ask a supplementary question. In view of the fact that according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics exports in August of this year were at the lowest level in 20 years, can the minister inform the House if specific negotiations are now under way with the U.S.S.R. on further sales of wheat to that country?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated previously, it is not my intention to comment upon negotiations in regard to the sale of grains which the Canadian Wheat Board may have under way until such negotiations are completed.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**FUTURE STRUCTURE OF MILITIA FORCES**

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): My question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. Is the minister yet in a position to assure the House and the country that any cuts which may be made in the strength of the reserve military forces will not be nearly as severe as those first considered?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I expect to have a report early in December from the study group that has been concerned with this matter. I believe I am right in saying that the cuts will not be as severe as predicted.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. MacLean: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

TRADE**EFFECT OF SHIPPING CONDITIONS AT
VANCOUVER ON GRAIN MOVEMENT**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board. Has uncertainty of shipping conditions in the port of Vancouver affected the movement of grain into export channels? If so, what steps are being taken to rectify this?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult to be concrete about the effect of strikes or threats of strikes upon sales of grain. It is quite possible, of course, that the expectation of difficulties could cause some people to hesitate about booking orders. However, the actions of the Minister of Labour in the past in seeing that wheat in fact continued to flow through Vancouver go a long way, I think, to allay those fears at the present time.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**NORTH VANCOUVER—ALLEGED FINANCING
OF DEVELOPMENTS BY GAMBLERS**

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): In the absence of the Minister of Justice I direct my question to the Solicitor General. Is the minister aware of allegations being made that international gambling money is being used to finance real estate and recreation developments in the North Vancouver area? If not, will his office look into the matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think this question is the type that might be discussed at the time of adjournment if there is urgency. Otherwise it should be placed on the order paper.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ARCTIC
DEVELOPMENT—REPRESENTATION
BY ESKIMOS**

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Is the minister aware of the International Congress on Arctic Development and the Future of Eskimo Societies taking place in France next week?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I agree—