

GRAIN

WHEAT—PRICES OF GRADES IN SALES

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether he is prepared to provide the House with information indicating the price that was paid for grades one, two, three and four of wheat since the \$1.60 a bushel is about 50 cents lower than the price which two years ago the farmers themselves and the farm organizations rejected and asked for at least a dollar more on domestic sales of wheat?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am always delighted to provide information to the House but I am afraid I do not understand the hon. member's reference to \$1.60 in his question.

Mr. Korchinski: Mr. Speaker, at \$160 million for 98 million bushels of wheat, a rough calculation is \$1.60 a bushel.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to comment on the hon. member's quick mathematics, but now that he has referred, I take it, to the Chinese sale and has given the quantity and totals I can only say that the question of exact prices in transactions of that sort is considered by the Wheat Board to be confidential commercial information.

Mr. Hees: I have a supplementary question for the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Does the professor not think it is about time he returned to take a refresher course at college?

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CORNWALL—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON STUDIES AND PROGRAMS

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Will the minister give consideration to making a statement on motions outlining the results of studies made by the federal government and the government of Ontario into the heavy unemployment in the Cornwall area and an early start on various programs under the provisions of the DREA legislation?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, we are actively dealing with employment conditions in the Cornwall area.

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AGRICULTURE

ESTABLISHMENT OF FUR FARM RESEARCH CENTRE

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. Has any progress

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been made in the establishment of the fur farm research centre in the vicinity of Ottawa? If so, what is the target date for its completion?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I will attempt to get more detailed information on this question and reply to the hon. member very soon.

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FISHERIES

LIMITING OF HERRING CATCHES BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): My question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the decline in available protein foods for human consumption, has any effort been made by the minister or officials of his department to secure through international means agreement to limit the catches of herring now being processed as fishmeal among countries that are members of the International Commission for the North Atlantic Fisheries?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, some discussions along those lines are already under way.

[Later:]

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. In view of the research being carried out by Canada, the United States and the U.S.S.R. regarding the herring fishery on the east coast of Canada, can the minister indicate whether the Canadian government is proposing a quota system to limit catches of herring, especially by the Republic of Germany, the biggest offender on the east coast?

Mr. Davis: As the hon. member knows, Mr. Speaker, we are now carrying out investigations to determine what the herring stock is and how it moves nationally and internationally. When we have this information we will move toward a sustained yield fishery as rapidly as we can.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

INFILTRATION BY FLQ OF STRATEGIC PLACES

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Further to the minister's statement of October 16 with respect to infiltration into strategic places in Quebec by the FLQ and the Senate debate yesterday, does the minister think that the reason the kidnapers have not been apprehended is because of this infiltration? Does he agree that the said strategic places are correctly identified as the press, radio, CBC and education?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is asking a question in a form difficult to accept from the point of view of the Chair. The minister is being asked to express an opinion.