

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

of broadcast governors with respect to television applications respecting Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Saddle Mountain, British Columbia and Mount Sentinel, British Columbia, which admittedly involve the pick up of United States stations, inasmuch as these localities cannot pick up existing stations in Canada?

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I am afraid the only delay is that of my hon. friend in asking the question. I am able to advise the hon. member that yesterday the governor in council approved these applications for Sioux Lookout and the other two places mentioned, and that these broadcasting stations are in a position to operate at the present time.

**Mr. Benidickson:** May I make just a short explanation. I want to indicate that the decision was made by the board of broadcast governors on December 8. As the minister knows, I have made a number of inquiries. Otherwise I would not have asked the question. I did not know that the applications had been approved yesterday.

**FISHERIES****B.C. SALMON—PROPOSED CONFERENCE TO RESTORE RUNS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries whether he has received and, if so, has accepted a reported invitation from the governor of Alaska to attend a proposed conference on February 15 to 17 to work out a program for restoring the depleted west coast salmon run.

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Minister of Fisheries):** I want to thank the hon. member for Vancouver East for giving me notice of his intention to ask this question. A letter has been received from Governor Egan of Alaska proposing a conference of fishery biologists in the middle of February. The purpose of the proposed meeting is not too clear, and I am taking steps to get further details on the proposal.

**GRAIN****FEED MILL AGREEMENTS WITH WHEAT BOARD**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern):** I should like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture or his parliamentary secretary. Can he tell us how many feed mills in western Canada in the wheat board area have now completed agreements with the Canadian wheat board in order to take deliveries over the quota?

[Mr. Benidickson.]

**Mr. Speaker:** If the hon. member has not given notice of his question, the minister may not be in a position to answer.

**Mr. Nasserden:** They have had notice.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the minister has the information.

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture):** I was hoping that my parliamentary secretary would handle this matter.

Mr. Speaker, as of today 167 feed mills have signed agreements with the Canadian wheat board. Board records show that there are an additional 49 feed mills which have operated at one time or another. It is known that some of these feed mills are no longer in operation, and others are confining their operations to selling prepared feeds which they do not manufacture. Canadian wheat board inspectors are checking with all feed mills within their territories in order to ascertain the operating feed mills which have not signed agreements with the board. Operating feed mills which do not sign agreements with the board are, of course, subject to delivery quota regulations.

**Mr. Nasserden:** I have a supplementary question. Will this trade be confined within provincial boundaries, and will the mills entering into these agreements be obliged to submit statements showing the deliveries or sales of grain and grain products?

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** Under the wheat board directive the feed mills will be obliged to show their books to the wheat board inspectors twice a year. Under the agreement their operations are confined to within provincial boundaries with, I believe, one exception, namely the town of Lloydminster, on the boundary between Alberta and Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia):** I have a supplementary question. Has it been brought to the minister's attention that these feed mills are buying grain under this new policy at 40 cents to 50 cents a bushel below the board's final selling price for wheat?

**Mr. Speakman:** Utter nonsense.

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** As usual, the hon. member for Assiniboia tries to disseminate information which is not backed up by proven facts. We are trying to collect information from these various feed mills as to the prices paid. There are advertisements in the papers by farmers offering grain for sale much below prices paid by the wheat board, but until we get all the facts on this situation there will be no such statement, which I think is wrong, as that given by the hon. member for Assiniboia.