

Inquiries of the Ministry

exchange of paper in connection with rapeseed, and accordingly they have decided not to discontinue the Vancouver futures. There were certainly representations from our buyers abroad in connection with this futures market, but they will of course be extremely pleased that the net result of the action which has been taken will be to improve the futures market operation in regard to Vancouver futures.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I ask the minister—I do not often ask a question unless I know the answer but on this occasion I do not know the answer—whether the rapeseed marketing committee has reported?

Mr. Lang: The oilseeds marketing committee filed a report with the government some time ago, but it led to the opening of some additional questions in connection with the marketing of oilseeds and further work was invited in connection with those questions. I have not yet received the final report in regard to that further work.

Mr. Diefenbaker: In so far as the interim, not the final, report is concerned, did that report recommend that flaxseed, rapeseed and the like should come within the jurisdiction of the Wheat Board? If not, why has the government suddenly decided to ask for this legislation?

Mr. Lang: The first report from the committee, which was in the nature of a final report but upon which they were asked to do further work, recommended that appropriate information about the advantages of the different systems of marketing rapeseed be obtained and be presented in full to producers and that a plebiscite be held among producers to determine their choice of the form of marketing. The further work being done is, in fact, in connection with the information required.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Will there be a plebiscite?

RAPESEED—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PRICING AND MARKETING

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I have repeatedly asked the minister in charge of the Wheat Board for information in connection with the operation of the futures market for rapeseed at Vancouver. May I now ask the minister whether he will soon make a statement on motions informing the House as to what is actually taking place in the pricing and marketing of rapeseed through the futures market at Vancouver?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I will give consideration to doing that, although I think the basic information is available on request from the Grain Exchange itself. I must say I have been working very closely with the Grain Exchange. I appreciate very much their co-operation and interest in trying to improve the futures market and the results for the farmers and producers of rapeseed.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair feels that perhaps we should go on to another subject, but since the

[Mr. Lang.]

hon. member for Lisgar has been waiting for an opportunity to ask a supplementary question, perhaps he might be recognized for that purpose.

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE ON MARKETING OF RAPESEED FROM PRODUCERS AND OTHERS

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): I should like to direct this question also to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Would he be prepared to table in the House the contents of the many telegrams and telexes he will be receiving from the producers, exporting agencies and countries in Asia because of the dramatic effect that the government's actions have had on the rapeseed industry in Canada?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I do not know that I can table the correspondence that relates to the item referred to by the hon. member, since I think most of the correspondence received to date has related to actions taken by the grain exchanges rather than by the government. But I see no particular objection to tabling a good deal of this correspondence.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF MONEY ALLOCATED

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Coast Chilcotin): I have a question for the Secretary of State arising out of his statement earlier today that applications for the \$15 million Opportunities for Youth program now total \$150 million. Is consideration being given to increasing the \$15 million available?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I seriously intend to submit such a proposal to my cabinet colleagues.

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[English]

COMMUNICATIONS

BUILDING OF SECOND GENERATION DOMESTIC SATELLITES BY CANADIAN INDUSTRY

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is for the Minister of Communications. Has the Department of Communications come to the conclusion that Canadian industry will not be able to build the second generation of domestic communication satellites but instead will limit itself to supplying parts for these satellites as in the case of the building of the Anik satellite?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications): No, Mr. Speaker. Such decisions are seven or eight years away.

Mr. Dinsdale: In view of the brilliant achievement of the Canadian industry in building the Alouette series of four satellites, a program that was commenced in 1958