

## TRADE

WHEAT—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON  
MARKETING—SALE TO RUSSIA

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce I wish to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Lang). Can he indicate whether the government will shortly be making a statement on the general grain marketing situation, and can he indicate whether there is any prospect of restoring the minimum price levels, in the spirit of the International Grains Arrangement?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has reported regularly to the house on developments in both regards, and I am sure he is prepared to continue to answer specific questions on the subject.

**Mr. Burton:** Can the minister say whether any progress has been made in concluding a sale of wheat to Russia this year?

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, at this time there is nothing to report in that regard.

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the annual meeting of political scientists and economists being held at York University, Toronto, is about to conclude within the next two days, would the Prime Minister rush through a paper for presentation, entitled "Why I Abandoned Truth, Beauty and Goodness, and Joined the Liberal Party"?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question period has expired.

● (11:50 a.m.)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

## TELESAT CANADA ACT

MEASURE ESTABLISHING CORPORATION FOR  
TELECOMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE—  
REPORT STAGE

The house resumed, from Thursday, June 5, consideration of Bill C-184, to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts, and the motion of Mr. Saltsman (p. 9806).

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*Telesat Canada Act*

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, just prior to the adjournment last night I had made a few remarks with respect to the very interesting comments of the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie) on this bill, particularly his very sympathetic attitude toward the outlook and ideas of the New Democratic party. I pointed out to him that I was rather saddened that he was not prepared to go along with the amendment moved by my colleague, the hon. member for Waterloo (Mr. Saltsman), which would have the effect of changing the proposed telecommunications satellite corporation into a crown corporation. I pointed out to the hon. member that the Conservative party has a tradition to live up to in dealing with public policy affecting communications and the development of communications facilities because, as I noted, it was the Conservative party in 1935 which, as a result of pressure from a great many quarters in Canada, introduced legislation providing for the establishment of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. That corporation was established as a public agency to provide a public service to all the people of Canada. It seems to me it would be fitting if this tradition and precedent were followed by that party in the present case and we had its support in dealing with the proposal before us.

For a moment, Mr. Speaker, I was almost tempted by one argument presented by the hon. member for Hillsborough. He was very much concerned about the prospect of having the new corporation, if it were a crown corporation, come under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Communications (Mr. Kierans) in view of his record over the last few months with respect to another government operation involving communications, namely, the Post Office Department. For a second I was almost tempted by his argument in that respect. However, I must point out to the hon. member that when one considers the matter in more objective terms one has to take account of the fact that in considering the total picture in a situation such as this we have to deal with two related aspects. One has to consider the principle involved in establishing public policy, and one has also to consider the problems of operations and management. Good decisions with respect to both are essential if we are to have an operation which meets the objectives of public policy.

The fact is that if one has not established the basic principles on a sound basis then, of course, the best operations and management in the world will not be successful. But if one