

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** No, Mr. Speaker, a decision has not been reached. However, I can say that the government wishes to take some action to achieve the desired end result. The details have not been completely agreed on, but I hope we can make an announcement very soon because I realize some construction should be got under way.

• (3:00 p.m.)

## CORN—POSSIBILITY OF USE BY WESTERN DISTILLERIES

**Mr. Robert McKinley (Huron):** A supplementary to the Minister of Agriculture. Is the minister looking into the possibility of arranging for the transportation of corn at reduced rates by rail from Ontario to the distilleries in the west rather than have them buy their corn from the United States.

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** No, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we are looking at that suggestion at the moment.

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## MANPOWER

TRAINING PROGRAM—CRITICISM OF METHOD OF  
EVALUATING EFFECTIVENESS—REQUEST FOR  
REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Bearing in mind the report tabled by the minister on December 10 purporting to show that the Canada manpower training program is highly effective, may I ask whether the hon. gentleman is aware of the criticism of the method of evaluation used by his department, as expressed by the Economic Council of Canada in its Eighth Annual Review.

**Mr. Speaker:** That question is not in order.

**Mr. Nystrom:** I had a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member cannot ask a supplementary in these circumstances. He might try to rephrase the question. He knows it is not sufficient merely to ask whether a minister is aware of a certain situation.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Then I will ask the minister whether he will refer the question of the evaluation technique as used by his department to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration or to some other independent body—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Nystrom:** —to determine whether or not it is a proper way to evaluate the department's program.

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I am perfectly satisfied with the technique being used to evaluate the training program. I note that what the Economic Council did was to note an alternative way of doing the same thing. They did not disagree at all with our technique.

[Mr. Danforth.]

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

DELAY IN PAYMENT OF BENEFITS—ACTION TO  
EXPEDITE

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour relating to the intolerable length of time taken to process certain claims for unemployment insurance benefits and to ask him whether he is aware of cases in the Montreal area, affecting the minister's own riding, where the waiting period has been as long as ten weeks. Does the department have a scheme ready to put into operation which would shorten this waiting period? I believe the minister has told us something will be done soon. Why has a statement not been made in this regard?

**Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour):** The hon. member's question will be conveyed to the minister, who will be in the House tomorrow afternoon. It should be said, however, Mr. Speaker, that delays arise as a result of a number of circumstances. Sometimes they are the fault of the Commission, but many delays result from the inadequacy of records with respect to contributions from employers and employees. There is a great range of difficulties to be overcome in our effort to implement such a widely embracing plan as unemployment insurance today.

**Mr. Alexander:** I am glad the hon. member is finding out there are problems. Can the parliamentary secretary advise the House whether or not there is a plan ready for operation at this particular time which would expedite the processing of claims? The minister has indicated that there is such a plan. I should like an answer to that specific question. Otherwise, let us have some action tomorrow when the minister is here.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

## STATUS OF CO-ORDINATING AGENCY

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. In view of the continuing interest in security matters, I should like to ask whether the hon. gentleman can inform us as to the current status of the co-ordinating agency or security organization which is supposed to augment the R.C.M.P. Has this force taken a formal place in the country's security organization? If not, when will it do so and under what terms of reference?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** I think that this is well known, Mr. Speaker. If the hon. member wants to check *Hansard*, he will find in it all the information that he is looking for. If he wants to get any further information, he should put more specific questions.