

**Mr. Lang:** The situation as it may develop in future years is of course not known at this point. The situation at present in so far as it is known at this time was indicated clearly in the statement I made to the House some time ago. I will send the hon. member the page reference in *Hansard* in a moment.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** He does not know.

[Later:]

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** In light of the reply the minister in charge of the Wheat Board made earlier to the right hon. member for Prince Albert about the conversations he had with the British Minister of Agriculture and the assurance that there would be no reduction in high grade wheat exports to the United Kingdom, I should like to ask the minister two things: first, can he get that in writing or has he got it in writing and, second, what if any negotiations or meetings are going on now between the government or the Canadian Wheat Board with the British government in terms of maintaining or protecting not only wheat but all grain sales when Britain joins the Common Market?

**Mr. Lang:** The shortest answer is that two of the commissioners of the Canadian Wheat Board have recently been in London discussing our wheat market with our principal buyers there en route to discussing markets with other people in other places in Europe.

#### INQUIRY AS TO SALES TO JAPAN

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, can the minister responsible for the Wheat Board tell the House whether Canada was successful in making any sales in response to the bids that Japan opened on May 19?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I believe that we were in regard to both wheat and barley, although I must say that my recollection of the information may be with regard to a different date and I will want to check that to be certain.

#### SALE OF LOW-GRADE WHEAT TO UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** I should like to ask the minister responsible for the Wheat Board whether, in view of a report in the *Winnipeg Free Press* that Canada did not have quantities of low-grade wheat so that it could make sales to the United Arab Republic, a survey was made of the quantities of low-grade wheat on the farms which would justify this statement?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I can give the flat assurance to the hon. member that no sale to the U.A.R. was lost because of any lack of low-grade wheat, and I can assure the hon. member that that report in the *Winnipeg Free Press* is about equivalent to the other kinds of reports they are giving these days such as in regard to C-176—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

#### INDUSTRY

##### AIRCRAFT—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON PROPOSED RATIONALIZATION—POSITION OF DE HAVILLAND COMPANY AND WORKERS

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** My question is for the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. In view of the proposed rationalization of the aircraft industry and its importance to Canada, will the minister consider giving the House a progress report on this subject?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to do that at the earliest possible moment. Talks are going on now and I hope to undertake others in London and Paris within the next few days. Perhaps upon my return from those I shall be able to say something definitive.

**Mr. Ryan:** In view of the unemployment situation in Toronto would the minister give an undertaking that the work force at de Havilland will not be reduced as a result of this proposed rationalization and that the undertaking at de Havilland will not be removed from the province of Ontario?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, the whole objective of the program and the exercise is to ensure the viability of all elements within the aerospace industry. Certainly my objective is not to have one element of it improve at the expense of another.

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#### HARBOURS

##### MONTREAL—ESTABLISHMENT OF PORT AUTHORITY

**Mr. Ian Watson (Laprairie):** My question is for the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. In view of some questions raised in the public mind about the future of the port of Montreal I should like to ask the minister whether he could inform the House when a port authority for Montreal will be established?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** It is my intention to consult with the various bodies within the port of Montreal during the next couple of weeks, Mr. Speaker, and to name the port authority for it and for other major ports in Canada hopefully before the end of June.

[Later:]

**Mr. Watson:** I wonder if the minister could also assure the House that the port authority which he announced will be created soon will be empowered to take local initiatives such as a cargo flow study and a land use study for the port of Montreal?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. We would propose to give it the maximum amount of autonomy consistent with the act. One of the main objectives for Montreal, as elsewhere, would be not only to undertake forecasts but the promotion of the port to maintain Montreal as one of the most vital elements in our port system.