

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question. In view of news reports today that several countries, including Great Britain, intend to withdraw from any further participation in the joint wheat aid programs under the previous agreements, does the minister still adhere to the statement he made in the House the other day that there has been no dramatic change as the result of the failure to reach a further agreement?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

ALLEGED FAILURE TO REACH INTERNATIONAL WHEAT
PRICE AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF CHANGING OF
CANADIAN GRADING SYSTEM

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister in charge of the Wheat Board whether, in view of reports emanating from the United States that an agreement was not concluded at Geneva because Canada was changing its grading system, he would care to comment on that aspect or make a statement in the House denying these allegations?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, certainly any suggestion that that was the reason for failure I would label as completely erroneous. Certainly the question of protein grading in Canada, and therefore its impact on grades and the possible change of names for some of our leading grains, did enter into the discussions, but I would not agree that was the basis for failure.

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[Translation]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

CREATION OF SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS—PROGRAMS
FOR UNEMPLOYED UNDER 25

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question on summer employment for students.

Since 45 per cent of the unemployed in Canada are under 25, is the Prime Minister considering a reassessment of employment programs for students, so as to bring substantial changes to his manpower policy and to let this mass of young unemployed participate efficiently in the economic life of our country?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems that the question of the hon. member was asked yesterday during the oral question period. Unless there have been developments since, I do not feel that this question is acceptable.

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CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT OF SECTION RESPECTING CONTEMPT OF
COURT

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Justice.

[Mr. Mazankowski.]

In view of the position of the fighting wing of his party regarding contempt of court and the events which recently took place in the courts, will the minister consider amending shortly the provisions of the Criminal Code pertaining to contempt of court so that the accused may have a full defence, and that persons convicted for contempt of court may have a *de plano* right of appeal?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will recognize that his question may be somewhat thorny. He knows as well as I do about the limitations which must be taken into account when putting a question relating to a current trial.

If the hon. member chooses to ask the question in a general manner, without any reference to any specific situation, it could perhaps be in order and the minister might wish to answer it.

Mr. Asselin: Mr. Speaker, my question will be brief and very simple.

Does the Minister of Justice intend to amend the Criminal Code in the near future with regard to contempt of Court?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I have already answered that question by saying that all provisions of the Criminal Code are under constant review by the Department of Justice.

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[English]

PUBLIC WORKS

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF DOCKS FOR NEW DIGBY-
SAINT JOHN FERRY

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, before asking my question I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka who has just walked into the chamber.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Comeau: My question is not to him but to the Minister of Public Works and I believe he has been advised of it. Can he state whether it is a fact that the Digby-Saint John ferry which, Mr. Speaker, is a matter you have not heard raised for a long time, will be operating by the end of March as stated, or whether there is truth to the rumours that there is a hold-up and, if so, why?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question cannot be asked in those terms. Perhaps we might overlook the second part of the question and assume the first part was asked directly and allow the minister to reply.

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, there has been a delay in this project which was originally expected to be completed in April, 1971.

Mr. Stianfield: A delay?