

Inquiries of the Ministry

of the chief justice, and I make that clear. However, I ask the minister this question. Did the law officers of the crown say that if Banks was let out on bail on the conspiracy charge and disappeared in the United States, the crown's only recourse would be the estreatment of the bail? Did they say that?

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, the right hon. gentleman knows or ought to know that the fact that the offences with which the court was concerned at the time the bail was set were not extraditable offences surely was known to the court. I take it that in exercising his discretion the chief justice took all relevant matters into consideration in deciding to fix bail, and the fact that there was strong objection to any bail being set at all is the complete proof and demonstration that all relevant explanations were made to the court at the time.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, that does not answer the question. Did the representatives of the crown advise the chief justice that the granting of bail under the circumstances could permit of Banks disappearing and not being subject to punishment? Was the chief justice so advised? After all, judges depend on counsel.

Mr. Langlois: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might be permitted to put my supplementary question to the Minister of Justice. A few days ago I asked the minister to set up a commission to inquire into the whole Hal Banks situation, having regard to the rumours going around that some members on the government side and high officials are concerned in the whole Banks mess. Would the minister consider forming a committee of inquiry to clean up the whole thing?

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, there was an investigation set up by the previous government, and a report was remitted to the present administration. So far as I am concerned, I am satisfied that all relevant steps have been taken to see that justice is carried out. I do not believe there is cause for setting up a second investigation. However, I am speaking personally, as Minister of Justice, and I am ready to consult my colleagues on the suggestion.

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): May I ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Justice. Can we take it as a fact that Mr. Banks did not appear today in Montreal in connection with the appeal of his conviction and five year sentence which was before the courts today, September 14?

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Banks did not appear today, Mr. Speaker. The appeal has been postponed until tomorrow, and if Banks does not appear in court tomorrow for the hearing of his appeal, counsel has been instructed to move for the dismissal of the appeal and to take the necessary steps immediately to have the bond forfeited.

GRAIN**MOOSE JAW, SASK.—OPERATION OF GRAIN DRYING FACILITIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. B. S. Beer (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): On Friday last the hon. member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre directed a question to the Minister of Agriculture, the full context of which is to be found on page 7879 of *Hansard*. The main part of the question is as follows:

Will the minister take steps to arrange for the operation of the elevator's grain drying facilities at full capacity so that the tough and damp grain can be put into condition for marketing or storing?

The minister replied he would be happy to bring this matter to the attention of the board of grain commissioners, and I am happy to provide on his behalf the following additional information. The movement of grain into the licensed elevator system comes within the jurisdiction of the Canadian wheat board. In the event the Canadian wheat board orders grain into the government elevator at Moose Jaw, or any other Canadian government elevator, the board of grain commissioners is now prepared to handle that grain which will require drying. Facilities will be available to the full extent of drying capacities.

TRANSPORT**ONTARIO—SHIPPING SPACE FOR BEAN GROWERS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. E. Cardiff (Huron): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport, and also draw the attention of the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Trade and Commerce to it. Perhaps their officials could take note. A week or more ago I informed the Department of Transport of the urgent need for shipping space for the bean growers in southern Ontario, and requested that action be taken in this regard. Can the minister tell me whether any progress has been made to date or is likely to be made in the immediate future? The bean