

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

near future to hold a meeting with representatives of the provinces to discuss the possibilities of raising minimum wages all across Canada to a point where recipients and their families can emerge from poverty?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I am sure the provinces heard the representation of the hon. member.

**Mr. Hees:** I wonder whether the Prime Minister would hear my representation in this supplementary question. When will he start doing as much to help those who are willing to work for a living as those who are unwilling to work for a living?

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

**Mr. Hees:** I must say to him that if I ever have need of a heart transplant—

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

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**GRAIN****DISCUSSIONS WITH ELEVATOR COMPANIES ON POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN STORAGE RATES**

**Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River):** My question is for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the proposed termination of the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act and bearing in mind that there is no need for additional grain storage facilities in Canada in the foreseeable future, could the minister say whether any discussions have taken place or are taking place with the elevator companies regarding a possible reduction in grain storage rates?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Of course, discussions on rates go on periodically in light of all the circumstances which occur. Some discussions have in fact taken place in the not too distant past.

**Mr. Downey:** Could the minister indicate to the House whether there is any possibility of reductions?

**Mr. Lang:** It is really premature to comment on the new circumstances which will occur. Over the years the companies have tended to indicate that the storage rates have been higher and the handling rates lower than were required in economic terms. Of course, while there may be a lower amount of grain in storage, it is also anticipated that there will be a higher amount of grain moving through the facilities, and it is my hope that this will in a large way offset the problem for the companies.

**REQUEST THAT MARKETING OF RYE, FLAX AND RAPESEED BE BROUGHT UNDER WHEAT BOARD**

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** In view of the statement at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan

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Wheat Pool that the marketing of rye, flax and rapeseed should be brought under the operations of the Canadian Wheat Board, and in view of the unsatisfactory operation of the futures market in recent months in regard to rapeseed, will the minister take the necessary steps to implement the request of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Some time during the course of last winter a committee studied the question of the marketing of oilseeds particularly. That committee did not come down with a flat recommendation along the lines suggested by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool but did indicate some need for further study into this question. We have asked that same committee to study the question further with a view to perhaps shedding further light on the question.

**Mr. Gleave:** May I then ask the minister whether the fact that he officiated at the opening of the rapeseed futures market at Thunder Bay indicates his support of that type of marketing?

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

**PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS POLICY—RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS**

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** My question is directed to the minister reporting to the House for the Canadian Wheat Board. It is related to the one just put by the hon. member for Battle River. In view of the statement from the president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool emanating from the just concluded annual meeting of the pool to the effect that the delegates felt that the minister's stabilization plan was woefully inadequate, will the minister give consideration to a complete overhaul of his proposals at the earliest possible date?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** The whole point of the proposals in their form was to have discussions with producers and producers organizations. I can tell the hon. member that the statement he has quoted does not represent the general consensus of farmers who have looked at the proposals and the benefit they can bring to prairie agriculture.

**PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS POLICY—PAYMENTS TO FARMERS**

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** In view of the fact that the press is leaving the wrong impression that western farmers are to receive \$100 million under the grain proposals when in fact there will be a corresponding reduction in storage of \$70 million and \$20 million under the 3 per cent deduction—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Will the hon. member ask a question. He has the floor for the purpose of asking a supplementary question.