

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

least six months behind. When can they expect to receive them?

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

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**GRAIN****RAPESEED—COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY BERTHA ARMY WORM**

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Is it the intention of the government to make an emergency payment to individual farmers engaged in the oilseed industry whose crops were so severely damaged recently by the Bertha army worm invasion of rapeseed crops in western Canada?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** That is under consideration, Mr. Speaker. However, the latest reports indicate the rapeseed crop in western Canada will still be the largest on record in spite of the damage done by these worms.

[Later:]

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Can he say whether any research was undertaken regarding the Bertha army worm before the invasion by that worm in western Canada?

**Mr. Olson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I should advise that officers of my department and entomologists on the scene did in fact advise a number of people in provincial governments that there was an unusual number of these moths present some time before the outbreak occurred.

**RAPESEED—COMPLAINTS RESPECTING USE OF LANATE TO CONTROL BERTHA ARMY WORM**

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether he has received specific complaints about the use of chemical lanate in the destruction or control of the Bertha army worm?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**RAPESEED—IMPOSITION OF IMPORT DUTIES BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. What action, if any, has been taken by the Canadian government regarding the allegation that there may be a trade war developing between some countries to which we export our rapeseed products in view of the fact they have imposed duties?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am not exactly sure what the hon. member is referring to, but there have been some surtaxes or special taxes created in respect of rapeseed in

[Mr. McKinley.]

recent weeks in a couple of countries. The appropriate protests have been made in connection with this and discussions are continuing. If anything further has happened I would require more specific information.

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**INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY**

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Now that the government has given priority to protecting the Canadian employment picture because of the action taken by the United States government, what priority do the Prime Minister and the government intend to give to Canadian industries disrupted by actions of his own government?

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

**Mr. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It arises from the long-standing grievance of the swordfishing industry on the east coast of Canada which was completely wiped out by the actions of this government and so far no compensation has been paid.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That is hardly a point of order.

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**NORTHERN AFFAIRS****ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH STATIONS**

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Following his recent pilgrimage to the Soviet Union and his laudatory remarks in respect of the advanced state of Soviet research and development in the north, will he now inform the House whether it is the intention of the government to proceed with the opening of northern research stations in Canada's north in order that we may keep pace with this development?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I stated that the Soviets had made some progress in certain fields and that we had made greater progress in other fields. A serious research is being made with regard to the northern development in the north as well as in the south. However, proposals which tend to emphasize research beneficial to northern development are always under study.

[English]

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister could be specific in respect of the opening of further research stations to supplement the excellent work done by the research centre at Inuvik which was planned as the first of a series of similar centres?

[Translation]

**Mr. Chrétien:** I must say, Mr. Speaker, that I am rather surprised to find that the hon. member is referring to a station in Inuvik. It is still working and giving excellent