

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HIGHWAY SAFETY****TIRES—INACCURACY IN ADVERTISING CLAIMS**

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Given the serious implications of this matter, may I ask the minister whether his officials are investigating advertising claims misrepresenting the safety performance capabilities of automobile tires which obviously involve serious hazards to life and safety, and if so, would he indicate the results of this investigation?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I am quite sure they are, Mr. Speaker, although I am not personally familiar with the situation. I will check into it.

IMMIGRATION**REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. CITIZENS ENTERING CANADA**

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is it new immigration policy that American citizens desiring to emigrate to Canada must first have a certificate of essential employment, or a work permit, from the Canadian government manpower services before such an immigrant application can be considered?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the regulations apply to American citizens who want to be landed immigrants in Canada in exactly the same way as they do to all other immigrants. There is no special treatment of Americans, or special requirements in respect of them.

Mr. Thompson: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has a new regulation been implemented in recent weeks in regard to this matter, or do the original regulations apply?

Mr. MacEachen: There is no new regulation, Mr. Speaker.

PUBLIC WORKS**ST. BONIFACE, MAN.—FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING STUDY**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to [Mr. Speaker.]

the Minister of Public Works. Has the federal government reached an agreement with the City of St. Boniface under which certain federal money will be made available for important engineering studies in that city, and will the minister say whether an announcement about this matter will be made at an early date?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not know whether this is a matter of urgency. The way the hon. member has asked the question leaves some doubt in my mind.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I try my hand at rephrasing it, Mr. Speaker? Will the Minister of Public Works be making an early announcement which might affect the employment situation in greater Winnipeg?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I have had constant representations from the member of parliament for St. Boniface in connection with protection work at the river bank. There is responsibility to a degree there because it is a navigable stream, and I think it is accepted that some of the erosion is caused by the shipping that uses it. I will look into the matter, and hope to make a decision shortly.

GRAIN**WHEAT—REDUCTION IN CAR LOADINGS**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture a question in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact that the latest figures from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Canadian Wheat Board show some four thousand fewer carloads of wheat loaded as of May 21, compared with the same time last year, would the minister make representation to the Wheat Board and the railways with a view to having this situation rectified; and would he advise the house as quickly as he can when we will catch up on the number of cars loaded, compared with the same period last year?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I can get that information, Mr. Speaker, but I am sure the hon. member realizes that the total number of cars loaded has to be equal to and cannot be in excess of the total amount exported, and the space created by that export.