

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

of teachers, before changing a contract of employment for teachers under the Department of National Defence, and whether the contract has in fact been changed in the absence of such consultation?

**Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** First of all, the contract has not been changed. In the second place, I hope the hon. member understands that we are not employing these teachers; it is a tripartite contract between the school boards, the teachers and the Department of National Defence.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I do understand, and that is the reason for my question. I should like to ask the minister whether there has been some change along the lines of making it possible for teachers to have a particular period of service extended, without discussion with them but after discussion with the school board concerned. In addition, have there been any changes relative to the provision of medical assistance and the like? If not, are these provisions in fact in the contracts?

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** Mr. Speaker, as far as medical services are concerned, the exercise of my ministerial discretion simply indicates that the minister is not responsible for medical services when they are available at the place the teachers serve. There has been no change in the contract regarding prolongation of the stay overseas. Our oversight might have been not to inform the teachers that, in the event of a prolongation required by national defence and the school board, obviously we would also consult the teachers.

**Mr. Lewis:** A further supplementary question. Would the minister inform the house whether the teachers federation, or one of the teachers federations, sought an appointment with him to discuss the matter, and that the minister refused to meet them on the ground that it would serve no purpose? If that happened, or even if it did not happen, would the minister now assure the house that he would be ready to meet with the teachers federation to discuss the whole problem of teachers' contracts for overseas service?

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** Mr. Speaker, I have always received with pleasure representatives of the teachers federation. What I did refuse was a visit from Mr. Nason, who wrote me a letter and wanted to explain the letter to me. I can read.

[Mr. Lewis.]

**OIL****VOLUNTARY REDUCTION OF CRUDE EXPORTS TO U.S.**

**Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has the National Energy Board requested the petroleum industry in western Canada to reduce voluntarily its exports of crude oil to the United States, and further has it indicated that if these reductions are not made voluntarily it will impose export quotas?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Acting Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I think the strict answer to the question has to be no. However, the National Energy Board has been in touch with various suppliers and buyers of Canadian oil in the light of the existing agreement between the United States and Canada. As I indicated in the house yesterday, no agreement other than that has been reached. Accordingly that agreement stands and we have certain obligations in relation to it.

**Mr. Mahoney:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In fulfilling these obligations, is the National Energy Board or the department indicating that they will impose export quotas?

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, in discussing the whole situation between the United States and Canada in regard to oil exports, needless to say the question of alternative action in the absence of voluntary compliance is always an issue. It was indeed impliedly referred to in the agreement between the two countries.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether the minister would now make it clear that in his answer to the hon. member for Calgary South he was saying that what the National Energy Board has done is to implement government policy, which is to reduce the amount of exports to the United States and to introduce quotas.

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I believe my answer in fact dealt with that issue. The hon. member is carrying my answer to the question further, when he asks what in fact government policy is. It is government policy that, as long as an agreement exists between the United States and Canada, we are obligated to honour it.