

*Inquiries of the Ministry***GRAIN****QUOTA PROGRAM—REASSIGNMENT OF ACREAGE TO GRAINS OTHER THAN THOSE ASSIGNED IN ORIGINAL PERMIT BOOK APPLICATIONS**

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** This question is directed to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. It pertains to the new grain quota program recently announced. Is any provision being considered to allow for the reassignment of acreage to grains other than those assigned in the original permit book applications to compensate for changes in farmers' programs necessitated by abnormal weather conditions or other unforeseen situations?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. At all times it was intended that some permission would be given to make changes in the event of crop failures or some similar situation. The Wheat Board is now giving serious consideration to authorizing a general right of reassignment prior to a certain date in the late fall.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I have delayed doing so until the end of the question period because I did not want to interfere with the time available for questions. I thought the self-appointed repository of courtesy and intelligence in this chamber, the Solicitor General, would be here, but he is not. He left about 10 minutes ago. Had I known he was going to leave I would have raised my question of privilege earlier. It relates to something the hon. gentleman said. At one stage he said one of the reasons for refusing entry to Millhaven penitentiary of Members of Parliament was that if he did it for one he would have to do the same thing for others, and he did not wish to set that sort of precedent.

When my hon. friend from Timiskaming asked whether other members had visited the penitentiary during the time of the riot or later, he said no. The supplementary question of my hon. friend from Temiskaming established that the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands was a visitor to Kingston penitentiary, and such being the case I submit it casts some doubt upon the truthfulness of the remarks of the Solicitor General.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest to the hon. member that is not a question of privilege. The hon. member is debating with the minister what were the actual circumstances. This cannot, in my estimation, constitute a question of privilege. I would say that the citation I quoted earlier when the hon. member for Abitibi rose on a question of privilege, Citation 113, is relevant in this case. I suggested to him that his question did not constitute a question of privilege and I have to make the same ruling in the case of the hon. member for Skeena. This is a matter for debate. Perhaps the hon. member might ask the minister again and try to have the question elucidated tomorrow.

[Mr. Davis.]

**Mr. Benson:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, to simply state that I have never been in Millhaven penitentiary.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Timiskaming and the hon. member for Skeena seek the floor at the same time. We shall have to recognize them one at a time. We shall begin with the hon. member for Skeena, but I would remind him that he has raised a question of privilege, that a ruling has been made by the Chair, and that the ruling is not subject to appeal.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** I am not appealing your ruling, Mr. Speaker. I know I am not able to do so. But the evasive, cover-up answer from the Minister of Finance, the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands, shows precisely how far he and his colleagues will go to hide from the truth.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member has to resume his seat. The question period has expired and there is nothing before the House at the moment except calling orders of the day. The hon. member rose on a question of privilege and the Chair ruled it was not a question of privilege. The Minister of Finance rose on a question of privilege and again it was ruled there was no question of privilege. I do not see in what way we can continue the debate at this time.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** With respect, Mr. Speaker, I just rose to indicate, on a question of privilege, that both the Solicitor General and now the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands have not been telling the truth in this House. Surely that is a question of privilege.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have just ruled that it is not a question of privilege. I would invite the hon. member to read Citation 113 of Beauchesne's Fourth Edition. I have made my ruling. The hon. member can make the point ten times, but he will still get the same ruling ten times. It is not a question of privilege. Orders of the day.

**Mr. Peters:** Mr. Speaker, may I raise a very simple question of privilege. In the discussion that has taken place this afternoon, and in the remarks that I made we were asking about entrance into a penitentiary. The Minister of Finance, who is also the Member of Parliament for Kingston and The Islands, visited a penitentiary in similar circumstances, and that was my point. The answer that the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands has now given in his role as a member, in my opinion, is not correct.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This again is debate. It seems to me that the whole situation is very clear; certainly it is to me. These questions can be asked again by the hon. member, not by way of a question of privilege or point of order but as straight questions. The question