

*Oral Questions***CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD****DROUGHT IN WEST—ASSISTANCE FOR MANITOBA FARMERS**

Mr. Jim Schroder (Guelph): Madam Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Transport as spokesman for the Wheat Board. Can the minister confirm that financial assistance announced today in the amount of \$60 million to grain farmers affected by drought will be in addition to the \$43 million committed by the government of Manitoba under provincial programs already announced?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): It is an independent program. If the government of Manitoba wishes to add to it, they are quite free to do so.

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INDUSTRY**GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATION IN ESTABLISHING LADA ASSEMBLY PLANT IN CANADA**

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Three weeks ago, a Montreal daily announced that manufacturers of the Soviet car Lada intended to assemble auto parts in Canada for 4,000 cars in 1980, and eventually for 6,000 or 7,000, I believe. Is the minister aware of the intentions of this company and if so has he been asked to co-operate in any way in the establishment of an assembly plant for this Soviet car?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Madam Speaker, my officials have contacted the Canadian Lada Corporation in order to ascertain its intentions. We obviously intend, on behalf of and in the interests of Canadian workers, to increase the production of cars and auto parts in this country.

Mr. La Salle: In view of the very small role that Quebec plays in the auto industry, can the minister tell us whether he has had discussions with businessmen wishing to establish themselves in Quebec or elsewhere in Canada?

Mr. Gray: Madam Speaker, it is up to that company to consider all the good areas of the country, including Quebec. My department intends to facilitate the construction of such a plant in Canada, not only for Lada, but also for other foreign companies.

[*English*]

PRIVILEGE**MR. DOMM—ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT SUFFERED BY HON. MEMBER FOR PETERBOROUGH**

Madam Speaker: I have received notice of a question of privilege by the hon. member for Peterborough. I assume, as might be inferred from his notice, that he is not questioning my ruling of yesterday. If he has a new question of privilege to raise, I will hear him.

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, my question of privilege is clearly not addressed to the matter on which you ruled yesterday. I should like to bring it to the attention of the House that three things are happening which are creating a difference between members of Parliament, whether they sit on the government side or on this side of the House.

Before making my main submission to you, Madam Speaker, I should like to summarize those three things. First, there appear to be very definitely two classes of members of Parliament—those in government, and others.

The second point I should like to make is that I was deliberately misled by officials of the Department of the Secretary of State and was personally supplied with false documents.

The third point I should like to make today is that it appears that the citizenship court which constitutionally should be independent of political pressure is being dragged into partisan favouritism.

It has been customary for many members of Parliament to send out congratulatory letters to persons granted certificates of Canadian citizenship on the basis of lists supplied to all hon. members regardless of where they sat in this chamber. These lists are first compiled by the clerks of the citizenship courts. In my riding of Peterborough the citizenship office is in the city of Peterborough. I might point out that the former Liberal cabinet minister who formerly represented Peterborough was the one who opened that citizenship office. Since then, that court has supplied lists of new Canadian citizens on a regular basis in order that I, as was the case with the former member of Parliament for Peterborough, might send out congratulatory letters to welcome these new Canadian citizens.

A short time ago I was advised by the citizenship office that these lists would no longer be made available according to their instructions received. On June 3, 1980, I received from the Secretary of State (Mr. Fox) a reporting form, a copy of which I have here. There is clearly stamped on the face of this usual monthly reporting form "Nil Report for the Electoral District of Peterborough". I knew this was not true because a friend of mine, a member of the IODE, caters refreshments for new Canadians on these occasions and I was told that 53 persons had received citizenship certificates in that month. On June 26 I received a list of names only. Now, it must be obvious to all hon. members that names without addresses are of little use to a member of Parliament endeavouring to send out congratulatory letters.