

*Inquiries of the Ministry***PUBLIC WORKS****CHURCHILL, MAN.—IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Public Works. Having regard to the growing economic distress in Canada and its particular impact upon the northern parts of our country, is the government planning to implement immediately its recently announced redevelopment program for Churchill, Manitoba?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we are proceeding together with the government of the province of Manitoba. We were awaiting their approval as to their participation. We have now received it and we shall be proceeding on schedule.

Mr. Dinsdale: Does this redevelopment plan involve the modernization of the Port of Churchill and, if so, what amounts are likely to be expended on this aspect of the program?

Mr. Laing: At this stage there is no provision for further investment in the port itself. The proposal is in essence, to close the camp and to move the people who are now at the camp into the town of Churchill itself.

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Can the minister say whether work of this nature will be conducted during the coming winter having regard to the unemployment situation in Churchill?

Mr. Laing: The sums we had set aside for this year are on target. I would think that if the province of Manitoba would like to move the work forward more rapidly we would see what we could do on our side.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**LEGALITY OF GOVERNMENT FINANCED EXPERIMENT RESPECTING MARIJUANA**

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I should like to ask the Minister of Justice a question. I asked this question the other day of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The Minister of Justice was away briefing the wheat case. My question is this: Has he referred the decision to provide \$100,000 to cover the cost of an experiment respecting marijuana by a university to the legal officers of his department with a view to determining whether that action is within the law?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I shall have to take that question as notice and give an answer later.

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LABOUR RELATIONS**REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION OF FEDERAL MINISTER IN ELDORADO DISPUTE**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. Has the minister

[Mr. Basford.]

received any communication from the Saskatchewan Minister of Labour asking him to intervene in the Eldorado dispute and, if so, what initiative does he plan to take?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I received such a request last week from the Minister of Labour for Saskatchewan pointing out the economic hardships that have resulted from this strike which is now of two months duration. The letter was a very objective one, and I would urge the company, which is a Crown corporation, to act as a good employer, get back to the bargaining table at the first opportunity and resume negotiations with the union.

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AGRICULTURE**SUGGESTED PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO POTATO GROWERS**

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture.

Since opposition parties chose to compel the government to pay only \$62 million, instead of \$100 million, to western farmers, would the minister indicate whether, in view of the \$38 million thus saved, he would be prepared to recommend that part of this amount be allocated to potato producers?

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. member's question should be considered as a suggestion made to the minister.

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GRAIN**LIFT PROGRAM—REQUESTS TO FARMERS FOR REPAYMENTS—POSSIBILITY OF PROSECUTIONS**

Mr. A. C. Cadieu (Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. Is it the intention of the hon. gentleman's department to proceed with prosecutions in cases where aerial photographs have proved that a farmer's application in connection with the Lift program was incorrect?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I am not sure about the question of prosecution or what action is being taken. I really will have to take the question as notice. I am not sure what the hon. member is really asking about, whether the question concerns the collection of money which has been paid out or whether it relates to the Wheat Board with respect to misinformation in permits. I would need more information before I could answer the question.

Mr. Cadieu: Is it true that the PFRA Regina office is making demands with regard to these repayments?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the question can be asked in those terms. Perhaps the minister and the hon. member might consult at the end of the question period.