

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Mazankowski: In the meantime is the minister giving any consideration to permitting the use of controlled amounts of cyclamates by those afflicted with diabetes?

Mr. Munro: Depending on what is meant by controlled, yes, Mr. Speaker.

FISHERIES**PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY INDEMNITIES TO SALT COD FISHERMEN**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): I have a question for the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries. In connection with the unnecessary delay in making payments of deficiency indemnities to salt cod fishermen, will the hon. gentleman investigate this situation with a view to speeding up these urgently needed payments?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): We have done that, Mr. Speaker.

GRAIN**ADVICE TO WHEAT GROWERS ON PRODUCTION**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): This question is directed to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board. When does the minister intend to offer meaningful production advice to farmers so that they may reduce their wheat production without producing a surplus in other crops, a possibility suggested in a statement made to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): It was also stated yesterday that we were very conscious of the fact that time is pressing in this regard, and therefore we shall be making any advice we have to give on this subject available as soon as possible.

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio. In view of the fact the minister is recommending that farmers with surplus wheat further reduce wheat acreage or grow no wheat this summer, is the government considering paying for this reduction in wheat acreage in order to compensate those farmers who follow his suggestion?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the whole question of the kind of advice we should give to farmers and of the fashion in which we should try

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to make that advice as meaningful as possible to individual farmers in order to achieve the right result is all part of the matter that is under consideration. In addition, may I say that the word "recommending" used in the hon. member's question is probably slightly mis-stating the situation, since what I was really doing was asking some logical questions in light of the current situation.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggan): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the minister's advice to western farmers not to plant wheat in the current crop year, are we to assume that the Prime Minister's remark in Winnipeg, "why should I sell wheat" has now become government policy?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

[Translation]

SHIPPING**ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—RECOMMENDATION RESPECTING SHIP SPEED LIMIT**

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): I would like to ask the Minister of Transport a question.

Does the Minister intend to carry out a recommendation of the Canada-U.S. committee to the effect that the speed of ships moving through the St. Lawrence Seaway should be limited to 15 miles per hour?

Mr. Speaker: This question could be placed on the Order Paper.

[English]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**MEETING WITH NORTHWEST TERRITORIES COUNCIL RESPECTING CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister received a request from the council of the Northwest Territories, which at the moment is concluding its session in Yellowknife, to meet with the council to discuss constitutional development in the North? May I also ask the Prime Minister a supplementary question. Could the right hon. gentleman give the House some indication as to when he will be able to meet the council?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I must have received such an invitation, Mr.