

Inquiries of the Ministry

this question in the light of the minister's suggestion on October 24 that he would be taking this course, and also in the light of the recent acceptance by the C.R.T.C. of applications for ultra high frequency channels in Toronto and Montreal.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): In reply to the first part of this question dealing with school telecasts and the specific case of Alberta, the matter is at the present time under consideration by the task force on educational television.

Formal instructions have not been given because the study of this particular case has not yet been completed. As to issuing licences for use of decimetric waves, the relevant instructions have already been given to the C.R.T.C. which is to give priority to educational television with regard to the use of decimetric waves.

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: May I take ten seconds to suggest to hon. members that again today we may be running short of time, and I see many members rising who may be anxious to ask questions which I am sure are very urgent and important. I would ask the indulgence of hon. members in connection with supplementary questions.

[Translation]

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Secretary of State.

Since his return from Latin America did he have the opportunity to examine the statement of the Quebec premier, Mr. Bertrand, on educational broadcasting and does the government intend to review its position and issue a licence to the Quebec government?

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I have examined the speech of the Quebec premier. On the other hand, the government does not intend to review its position concerning the issuance of licences for educational television.

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On the orders of the day:

Mr. Prosper Boulanger (Mercier): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Could he tell us whether it is true that, when he last met with Mr. Lucien Saulnier,

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

the executive chairman of the city of Montreal, he showed the latter out of his office?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is asking the Prime Minister to confirm what, I imagine, is a press report and the rules of the house do not allow questions of this kind.

[English]

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State and/or the Minister of Labour. It has come to the attention of members of the house that members of the Company of Young Canadians do not participate in or receive any benefits under the Unemployment Insurance Act. Will either minister re-examine this unjust situation in order that the meaning of the just society may prevail?

GRAIN

ASSISTANCE IN MOVEMENT OF DRYING EQUIPMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Souham (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Agriculture. In light of the serious situation now facing western grain farmers in connection with the pile-up of damp and wet grain, have any representations been made by the governments of the western provinces to the federal government for a cost sharing program to cover the cost of moving drying equipment into areas where it is urgently needed? If so, what action is being taken?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions between the federal Department of Agriculture and the departments of agriculture of all three provinces affected, not specifically on the point that the hon. gentleman raised but indeed including all ways that the two levels of government can be helpful in resolving this problem. There is much more that could be said about this matter, but inasmuch as the estimates of the Department of Agriculture will be under debate fairly soon perhaps we could discuss it then.

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that on November 27 Your Honour indicated that the question of damp wheat is one of continuing emergency I wonder whether the right hon. Prime Minister might not prevail upon the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce,