

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

the proposals that are already under discussion. I do think, if I may so suggest, that the time to have this debate is not the question period but during the debate on the budget, which I hope will be very soon.

**Mr. Baldwin:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, we have been trying for six months to persuade this government to do the things which it now finds, too late, should have been done before.

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**FISHERIES****SEALS—ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CANADA IN QUOTA**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, may I again direct my question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. I do so with great respect to your earlier ruling. I contend that the question concerns unemployment because the regulations of the department which are being imposed by the minister are having the effect of preventing a number of people—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has the floor not for the purpose of disputing the Chair's ruling but for the purpose of asking a question.

**Mr. Carter:** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the minister or to his Parliamentary Secretary. Would the minister give consideration to removing the discriminatory quota which allows the Norwegians to double their harvest of seals from the Canadian front as opposed to our own sealers?

**Mr. Eymard Corbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** Mr. Speaker, the minister may wish to give that matter consideration.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Why is the minister not here?

**Mr. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order as a result of a remark made by the Acting Prime Minister and the ruling you just made. When the hon. member for St. John's West asked his question Your Honour said that he could not dispute the Chair's ruling. The Acting Prime Minister has reflected on the decorum of the House and on the Speaker by saying that a debate was going on during the question period.

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

**Mr. McGrath:** Shame!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggarr.

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**GRAIN****WHEAT—SECURING OF FULL SHARE OF MARKETS FOR CANADA IN NEGOTIATING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT**

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggarr):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the minister in charge of the

[Mr. Sharp.]

Wheat Board. In view of the statement made by Dr. Shebeski, the eminent crop scientist at the University of Manitoba, while speaking in Saskatoon, that Canada had lost a substantial percentage of its share of the international wheat market, can the minister assure the House that in the coming negotiations in Geneva for a new international wheat agreement, Canada will make every attempt to negotiate an agreement which will permit us to recover our full share of the international wheat market?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the statement to which reference has been made. Of course, it could have been accurate about a situation which has long since passed. Since then, exports of wheat and other grains from Canada have shown very substantial increases. Canada again has a very significant share of world markets not only in wheat but in other grains, and there have been record rates of exports of barley and rapeseed.

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[Translation]

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****MONTREAL—ALLEGED TAPPING OF NEWSPAPER TELEPHONE LINES**

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General.

According to a statement made this morning in Montreal, eavesdropping devices are reported to have been connected to telephone lines of a Montreal daily, and I would ask the minister whether he can tell us if this was done by a police force, federal or provincial. If not, is the minister in a position to assure the House that he will investigate the matter?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of such a statement. However, I believe it is recognized here that any question covering national security is one to which replies must be restricted, and I am definitely not implying by this statement that such activities are believed to exist.

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[English]

**CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PLANS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT**

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. I see that his seat is now very much closer to me, for which I am very pleased. In view of the very serious unemployment situation on Cape Breton Island, may I ask the minister how soon we can expect a statement either from him or from officials of the Cape Breton Development Corporation regarding that corporation's future plans for Cape Breton, with particular emphasis on creating employment?