

Inquiries of the Ministry

adjustment, resource adjustment and acreage adjustment in the prairie region in the hope of producing advice that will be meaningful to individual farmers in time for seeding this year.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I thank the minister for his answer, but I now ask him whether the government intends, whatever may be the acreage determined upon, to make a payment to western farmers who go out of the production of wheat pursuant to a direction given them by the government of Canada?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, this is a question about our intentions. We will be able to reply as soon as our minds are made up.

Mr. Diefenbaker: A further supplementary question. Is the minister in agreement with the statement that the Prime Minister made the other day, that western farmers who ride on \$20,000 tractors and own land worth \$100,000 to \$200,000 do not need help?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar.

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek on a question of privilege.

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, I regret to raise this question of privilege, but on Tuesday when the Minister without Portfolio responsible for the Wheat Board was in the House I rose to be recognized on a number of occasions. The question period expired without Your Honour having recognized me. During that time you had asked the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar whether he wanted to ask a question. He did not, but he passed on the opportunity to another colleague. Your Honour still failed to recognize me later in the period. I have been rising today ever since the question period started and you still have not recognized me. I do not mind taking my turn, but I do think Your Honour should recognize us in turn.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member looks around he will see that each day many members try to get recognition from the Chair. The Chair attempts to be as fair as possible, though perhaps I am not always successful in my attempts to satisfy all hon. members. The Chair will recognize the hon. member in just a moment, but I think I should first see the hon. member for

Saskatoon-Biggar who rose on a supplementary question. I will call on the hon. member immediately afterwards.

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, in case you misunderstood my remarks, may I say we are quite prepared to wait our turn, but we do not think we should have to wait until someone else asks three questions.

Mr. Speaker: That is a very good point.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board whether he can tell the House if the proposals he made when out west in regard to acreage reduction received favourable support from farm organizations in the western provinces?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I was in western Canada yesterday meeting with a number of farm leaders to discuss a variety of ideas. The discussions were very good indeed, helpful to me and to my thinking in regard to our programs. This was the purpose of this kind of meeting and I think it served its purpose very well.

Mr. Gleave: I have a further supplementary. Could the minister give the House any information as to when we may hope that grain will be shipped out of the west coast ports?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I think hon. members know that a vote is taking place there. I hope that upon its successful conclusion grain will again begin to move very quickly.

FINAL PAYMENTS ON DURUM WHEAT—
DEFERRED WHEAT DELIVERIES

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, in order to avoid a series of oral questions, I should like to ask the Minister without Portfolio responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board whether he intends to accede to the request made on February 4 that he make a statement on motions regarding the Durum wheat account in order to explain the lack of final payment on that type of wheat and to clarify and update information respecting deferred wheat deliveries for the 1968-69 crop year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I should like to assure the hon. member that the hon. member for Assiniboia keeps this subject very close to my mind.