

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

air force was considering the acquisition of the CL-41 trainer. Since that time negotiations have been going on with Canadair and other companies with regard to the manufacture of the engine required for this trainer. This program has not yet been approved in its entirety, but negotiations are continuing. I wish to state that we are looking seriously into the situation with regard to the work force at the Canadair plant, and if the CL-41 program goes ahead it will mean for some months or for a year or so work for not more than 1,000 men.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****SONS OF FREEDOM—REQUEST FOR TRAINING OF TROOPS IN KOOTENAY DISTRICT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence based on a telegram I received since I appealed to him yesterday from Mr. T. A. McRae, of the Kootenay boundary citizens' committee. It reads as follows:

Request you again call for troops in this area on a training basis. Do we have to have a hydro power plant destroyed before action taken.

In view of the concern felt, would the minister communicate with the attorney general of British Columbia to see if some satisfactory arrangements cannot be made?

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of National Defence):** I have nothing to add to the two answers I have already given with regard to this matter. The procedure is very plain. If troops are required, the attorney general has to requisition them. Until he does so, as I explained before, I have no legal authority so far as I can see to send troops, in effect, in aid of the civil power. The responsibility, therefore, is that of the attorney general if he considers troops are necessary to send a request for them.

**GRAIN****INQUIRY AS TO QUOTA POSITION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose):** I have a question for the Acting Minister of Agriculture. Would the minister bring the house up to date on the grain quota situation in western Canada? How many points are on open delivery quotas at this time?

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Perhaps I could answer that question

[Mr. O'Hurley.]

on behalf of the Acting Minister of Agriculture. A most remarkable change has taken place in the quota distribution, compared with other years. Of the 1,942 points at which grain is delivered, 92 per cent are now on the open delivery quota. This, I believe, is a record. By provinces it runs this way: Manitoba, 352 stations, all on open delivery quotas; Saskatchewan, 1,038 stations, of which 921 are on open delivery, 83 on a 7 bushels per specified acre quota, 27 stations on a 5 bushels quota and 7 stations on a 5 bushel quota; in Alberta, 545 delivery points, of which 523 are on open delivery quota and 22 on a 7 bushel per specified acre quota. This is the remarkable record of government policy with regard to the sale of western grain.

(Translation):

**SHIPPING****REPORTED PROTESTS OF ST. LAWRENCE RIVER PILOTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Did the minister receive representations from pilots on the St. Lawrence river and the seaway concerning a new formula whereby, according to this morning's *Gazette*, part of their salaries would pay for navigation aids?

If so, could the minister tell us what stand his department would take following those representations?

**Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, officials of my department did consult the pilots' association to find out what their opinion was on this matter. They suggested that pilots attached to the Escoumains and St. John, N.B. stations might pay part of the special equipment which is to be supplied to them. They only wanted to know the views of the pilots' federation in this regard, and, as could be seen in this morning's newspapers, those views were not long in coming.

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**IMMIGRATION****WINNIPEG—REPORTED ASSURANCE TO CHINESE COMMUNITY**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister in order to clear up a misunderstanding that