

*Inquiries of the Ministry***MR. SPEAKER LAMOUREUX**FELICITATIONS UPON CONFERRING OF  
HONORARY DEGREE BY DALHOUSIE  
UNIVERSITY

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I know I am clearly out of order, but I also know you have to leave the chamber, and so may I take this opportunity personally, and I am sure on behalf of the house to express felicitations to you as you depart to accept an honorary degree, which you certainly justly deserve, from a great university in an important part of the country. May we all extend our very best wishes and congratulations to you.

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

**AIR CANADA**STRIKE OF MECHANICS—INQUIRY AS TO  
PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Transport are not in their places today, and since this concerns western Canada probably more than any other part of the country, I wish to ask the Prime Minister if he has anything to report about the negotiations in reference to the Air Canada strike?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, I know the negotiations have been going on for part of the night and that the Minister of Labour has been attending them. I had a report this morning that things were looking up and that we might be optimistic, but I do not know how long it will take.

**ESTATE TAX ACT**REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF INTER-  
PRETATIONS BY OFFICIALS

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Will he give to this house the list or summary of the interpretations given by his officials with regard to the Estate Tax Act and the gift tax that was passed recently by this house, in accordance with an undertaking which the minister gave before a committee of the other place?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I think the committee hearings in the other place will be published, and of course they will be available to all members of this house. I believe members of the committee in the other place indicated that they

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were going to have a large number of extra copies published so that they would be available to the public generally.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, the minister indicated that he himself would give a summary of the interpretations of his officials that have been made with regard to the act. This is what I am after; not what was said in the other place.

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, I would be very pleased to supply this in due course.

**GRAIN**

## WHEAT—GRADES IN POSITION FOR SHIPMENT

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the minister told us he would be making a report on the shipments of grain for export. Is he prepared to do that today?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I have figures with regard to the Lakehead and the movements from there. I cannot say whether this is for export or upstream—I don't know what the word is, but there must be a word, possibly storage. The movement—

**An hon. Member:** Do you know what you are talking about?

**Mr. Pepin:** Much more than you know.

**Mr. Hees:** So there; so there!

**Mr. Pepin:** The movement up to May 7 this year is 30.3 million bushels as opposed to 31.7 million bushels last year. So, it is about the same. With regard to Churchill, the elevator of Churchill is full to its working capacity of 4.7 million bushels. The rail movement of grain to Churchill will commence about July, just before the opening of the Churchill shipping season which extends from the last week of July to mid October.

**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):** Since the minister is so full of spirit today I wonder whether he could instil some of it into our grain export.

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR LAND  
DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development with reference to the revolving loan fund which