

extension of the crop year by the Wheat Board or the government.

Mr. Korchinski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister please answer the second part of my question as to the initial prices that will be available for next year, because I do not think any price has been announced for next year?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, as far back as 1962, if my memory serves me correctly, initial payments were not announced until about August 6. I hope to be able to do as well this year.

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Canadian Wheat Board received representations from the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool to allow farmers to receive the cash equivalent of a five-bushel delivery quota, whether or not it is delivered by July 31? If so, does the government or the Wheat Board intend to adopt this proposal?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, if that suggestion has been made to me by the pool the hon. member mentioned or another organization I do not remember. In any event, no decision has yet been made upon that subject.

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Have the government or the Wheat Board any plans to take care of those many farmers who will definitely not be able to deliver the promised five-bushel quota by the end of August?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, suggestions are being studied. The hon. member has made five at least, and the Wheat Board has been considering every one of them. I have a study outlining the advantages and disadvantages of many of these suggestions. The Wheat Board will make an announcement in due course.

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister tell us what steps Canada has taken within the past two or three months to sell wheat to Nationalist China?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I was waiting for that question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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POLLUTION

REQUEST FOR TASK FORCE TO STUDY PROBLEM

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the increasingly grave problems facing many sections of Canada because of the widespread pollution of our environment, will he consider setting up a task force to examine every aspect of the problem so that it may report to the house its findings and make recommendations for action?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The government is not convinced, Mr. Speaker, that the setting up of another task force will be the answer to this problem. Too often the setting up of a task force is criticized by the opposition.

Mr. Lewis: Why stop now?

Mr. Trudeau: Because we are looking at the alternatives at our disposal to solve this problem. It is our intention, during the life of the present parliament, to grapple with this problem in a thorough way.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS— POSITION IN WESTERN CANADA

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Some days ago I asked him to report about the matter of students from outside western Canada seeking summer employment in the west, thus displacing western students from potential jobs. Twenty per cent of the students attending the University of Saskatchewan have not been able to find summer work this year. That is a high percentage for that university and the same thing is true of other western universities. Has the minister a statement to make about students from other parts of Canada coming to the west and taking jobs which might be filled by western students?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The answer to that question ought to be given by way of a statement on motions. Perhaps the question might be asked in that way, with that in mind.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to get into an argument with anyone but the minister said he would look into the matter and answer. Perhaps he might be allowed to do so.

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