

responsible for the wheat board. The other day the minister suggested that the wheat board system will take in 250 million bushels, thereby saving the cost of storage under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act. Since there is an approximate capacity of 550 million bushels in the country and terminal elevators, under the grain policy announced by the minister is it the case that farmers will not be able to deliver grain even though space is available in the elevators?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, a number of times I have expressed the hope that the elevators be kept from that very full level which prevents them operating efficiently and effectively and that the amount of grain in the system should be the amount required for genuine marketing reasons. There will, of course, be less wheat in the system than there has been for a long time. At the same time, there will be much more need in the system for space for handling the very large quantities of barley and rapeseed moving forward to export markets.

**Mr. Korchinski:** As the elevator system will not accommodate 300 million bushels, and taking \$1 per bushel as the average price for barley and other grains, what suggestion has the minister to offset this \$300 million loss which will affect the total economy of the Prairies?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that the kind of statement he seeks from the minister ought normally be made on motions.

**Mr. Korchinski:** Because of the fact there will be a loss of approximately \$300 million to the western economy, is the government contemplating any other policy to cover this loss?

**Mr. Lang:** The hon. member's premise is completely wrong, Mr. Speaker. He insists on continuing to forget and ignore barley and rapeseed.

#### ABOLITION OF TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT

**Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday, December 4, as recorded at page 1755 of *Hansard*, I directed the following question to the minister in charge of the wheat board:

Mr. Speaker, could the minister advise the House what the estimated savings to the government would be this year by abolishing the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act?

The minister replied.

Not at this point in time but I probably could obtain some figures for the hon. member.

Does the minister now have these figures?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Not yet. Mr. Speaker.

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#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT RESPECTING PENSIONS TO EXPEDITE HOUSE BUSINESS

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. I am asking this question on behalf of the Government House Leader who is anxious to have certain items of business dealt with before the Christmas recess. Is the government considering making a commitment concerning CNR pensions along the lines recommended unanimously by the House?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** In view of the preamble to the hon. member's question, I presume I ought to discuss this with the House Leader. As the hon. member knows, such a commitment on the part of the government at this time would be inappropriate in view of the fact that the pension issue is among those being discussed by the unions and the railroad in the current bargaining sessions. I stated to the House previously, and I repeat, that I have formally advised Canadian National Railways of the unanimous concurrence of the House in the report. I feel that it would be appropriate to see what changes emerge from the bargaining session now under way.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the government only advised the CNR of the unanimous decision of the House or is it talking to the CNR in plain language?

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

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### NATIONAL SECURITY

#### PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE REASONS FOR FORMATION OF FLQ

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Since several intermediate bodies would like the federal government to set up a committee made up of members of all parties in the House, in order to determine exactly the causes of the FLQ movement and the troubles which occurred in Quebec, does the government intend to accede to that request?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, such a request has not been referred to me. If it were submitted I would consider it, but I do not see *a priori* why we should accede to it. The causes of the FLQ come under the police which makes the investigations in that field or under the political and social order. In my opinion, nobody can be better acquainted with the facts than those who have been elected by the people.