

## WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO FLOOR PRICE

**Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Now that the Congress on Agriculture has concluded, how soon may we expect a government decision to implement a \$1.95½ floor price for wheat?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I have avoided answering this question because I thought it better first to assess what the damage is, and no one yet knows what it will be.

## FISHERIES

## CANADA-U.S. DISCUSSIONS ON 12-MILE ZONE

**Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I should like to know whether, in the wide-ranging discussions which took place in Washington earlier this week, the Secretary of State for External Affairs informed his United States opposite number of the date on which the Canadian government will be giving the United States charts that clearly show Canada's exclusive 12-mile shipping zone on the west coast?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I did not undertake to do this with the Secretary of State, but I did tell him that this was a matter that I felt would shortly engage the attention of our two countries.

**Mr. Anderson:** A supplementary question. I should like to know whether this will result in a meeting very soon of officials of the Canadian and United States governments on this question?

**Mr. Sharp:** This matter is shortly to be discussed in cabinet when a decision will be made on that very point.

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** A supplementary question. Can the minister tell the house whether similar discussions are now taking place with the government of France regarding our 12-mile territorial limit off the Atlantic coast?

**Mr. Sharp:** I have not recently had any such discussions but there have been discussions over quite some time with France on the whole subject of territorial waters, the position of St. Pierre and Miquelon, and so on.

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

## LABOUR RELATIONS

## MONTREAL—DISPUTE BETWEEN SHIPOWNERS AND LONGSHOREMEN

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour.

In view of the problems which the minister had to tackle recently in relation to the Montreal Longshoremen's Union, can he tell the house whether the dispute has been solved or is about to be solved?

[English]

**Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, the conciliation board charged with the problem of the port of Montreal has been meeting daily, and progress is being made. We can only hope that by March 31 or April 7 a collective agreement will have been reached. Of course it is really a matter of opinion when one says that progress is being made.

## INDUSTRY

## DEVCO—PLANS FOR NO. 20 COLLIERY

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development. Because of continuing concern about this matter, is the minister in a position to make a statement on Devco's plans for No. 20 colliery in the area concerned?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** Mr. Speaker, not at this moment.

**Mr. MacInnis:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Because of the serious concern in the community involved, would the minister undertake to make a statement on the matter as soon as possible?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** As soon as we have studied the plan and agree on it I will make an announcement about it.

**Mr. MacInnis:** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. It is one thing for the minister to study a plan. Does he not know that Devco has certain plans and certain intentions with respect to No. 20 colliery? It is simply a question of ascertaining Devco's intentions in the community and letting us know about them.