

Inquiries of the Ministry

concluded an agreement. In order to secure the kind of undertaking we desire and insist upon, we shall see to it that we leave nothing to chance.

Mr. Carter: Was the request made directly to the government of Newfoundland, to one of its Crown agencies, or to the company involved?

Mr. Laing: To the Crown agencies, Mr. Speaker, but I assume that it reverberated to the government of Newfoundland.

* * *

FRUIT**STRAWBERRIES—EFFECT OF FOREIGN IMPORTS ON FRASER VALLEY GROWERS—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I have so many questions to ask that I do not know where to start, but I will raise a local matter with the Minister of Agriculture. I understand that the minister has received a number of representations from strawberry growers concerning the threat posed to their industry by foreign imports. Can he tell the House when he will be in a position to give a decision on this particular matter so the people in my riding and in nearby ridings who are engaged in this industry will know where they are going in the future?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Very soon, Mr. Speaker, but the hon. member will realize that it is very difficult to prove injury before injury has occurred.

Mr. Rose: Mr. Speaker, in light of the minister's reply let me say the difficulty facing the growers is that the processors who buy their product are not willing to purchase for markets east of Winnipeg because of this threat, and that seems to be proof enough of injury.

* * *

GRAIN**RAPESEED—AVAILABILITY OF SEED FREE OF ERUCIC ACID**

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether he can assure the land of rape and honey that there is sufficient production of rapeseed, in spite of the recent storm, free of erucic acid in the California valley so that those who have requested this seed will have a sufficient supply this spring?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): No, I cannot, Mr. Speaker. All I can assure the hon. member is that all the seed produced will be distributed.

* * *

INDUSTRY**ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR SHOE MANUFACTURERS**

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

[Mr. Laing.]

Is he aware of the SOS sent out by the workers of the footwear industry, who blame the government for the closing down of 190 plants in Canada since 1961, of which 34 in Quebec, as a result of the legalized dumping allowed by the federal government and the resulting unfair competition of foreign exporters? Does the minister have solutions to that problem? Does he intend to adopt programs to help the industry and its workers?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I expect the minister heard the SOS of the hon. member. As for the question, it should normally be dealt with through a statement on motions. The minister could perhaps consider that possibility.

* * *

HOUSING**REPORT ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND WATER POLLUTION**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for housing. Can he inform the House of the nature of the 14 recommendations made by a group of experts on water pollution and sewage treatment under George Seaton, commissioned by his department at a cost of \$150,000?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I trust it is not suggested that the minister make this known to the House at this time. The minister might want to indicate whether this can be done on another occasion.

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the report the hon. gentleman referred to the other day did not register with me under the description he gave, and for that I apologize. There is a report we commissioned under the direction of Mr. Seaton. It is one, as I indicated generally the other day, of half a dozen or a dozen different policy examinations we are conducting in respect of housing and urban policy through both CMHC and the new urban secretariat designate. At an appropriate time when we are able to deal with and make decisions in respect of all of these, we will put them together in a package and probably make them public.

* * *

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**GOVERNMENT POLICY RESPECTING SURVEILLANCE OF UNIVERSITIES—CONSIDERATION BY STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. Since the minister has stated the government's policy on university surveillance is no longer firm, will he consider putting the issue before the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and appear before the committee so that it can consider the matter thoroughly before any action is taken by the government?