

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have already allowed a few supplementary questions, I think that we should move on to something else.

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

Only one supplementary on that point, and I will be finished.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** So will we.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I will return to the hon. member for Témiscamingue in a few moments.

[English]

### AIR CANADA

#### STRIKE OF MECHANICS—INQUIRY AS TO MATTERS IN DISPUTE

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** My question is directed to the Minister of Labour. Yesterday I put the following question to the hon. gentleman:

I am just asking the minister, because of his interest—I am sure his interest is shared by all—in getting this dispute settled, whether he will tell the house in general terms just what might be the issues.

The minister replied: "The answer is no."

Will the minister now tell the house what he told the radio and television commentators outside the house—information he refused to give inside the house in reply to this question?

**Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Earlier in the question period the hon. member for Edmonton West posed the following question—in fact, it was in the nature of a statement or a suggestion:

Perhaps the minister could take the house and the country into his confidence and tell us in general terms—we are not asking for the dollars and cents—whether it is a question of wages, fringe benefits, seniority; or what are the problems?

To which I replied:

Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman has done a very capable job of outlining the problems yet to be resolved in all these areas.

That is precisely what I said on television ten minutes later.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** That is not so.

### TRADE

#### WHEAT—DEMAND BY JAPAN FOR REBATE ON INFERIOR QUALITY

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address this question to the

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Minister without Portfolio temporarily in charge of the Wheat Board. Did the Japanese food agency demand \$300,000 U.S. in compensation for rain-damaged wheat supplied in November, and did the Wheat Board offer to supply wheat free of charge—as they have some left over—and, if so, was a settlement reached?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio):** There were discussions between the Japanese and the Wheat Board in connection with wheat, not damaged but different in quality from what they had expected to receive, and these discussions are not yet in every respect completed.

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Would the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatchewan advise the house whether the delay in the settlement of this claim has had an adverse effect on future sales to Japan?

**Mr. Lang:** No, Mr. Speaker, it has not had an adverse effect.

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** May I address a supplementary question to the Minister of Agriculture in connection with this situation? Will he take steps to investigate the circumstances with relation to the Board of Grain Commissioners to find out how such a substandard shipment could have been made?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** From a technical point of view, the Board of Grain Commissioners has assisted the Wheat Board in all aspects relating to the testing of samples, and matters of that sort. This information has been made available to the Canadian Wheat Board.

### THE MINISTRY

#### CONSTITUTIONAL PROPRIETY OF CONTINUED SERVICE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** I want to ask the Prime Minister a question which does not relate directly to housing though it relates to the question of resignations from the government. I ask it subject to your direction, Mr. Speaker. Has the Prime Minister given consideration to, or taken advice upon, the question of the constitutional propriety of the Minister of Transport remaining as a minister of the Crown for approximately a week after having openly expressed lack of