

for the Wheat Board. It is now four months since applications were originally made by some producers to the Wheat Board for permit books and they are still waiting for them. How much more time is necessary before these applications are processed? Will the minister ensure that the issuing of these permit books will be expedited, because these producers cannot now make any deliveries?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): If the hon. member has a specific case where it is taking this length of time, I will be pleased to receive information about it and to look into it. Certainly the bulk of the permit books for which applications were received in good time have in fact gone to the producers. Indeed, many of the late applications have been serviced as well. I will be pleased to receive information on a specific case.

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MANPOWER

ALLEGED CURTAILMENT OF ADULT TRAINING COURSES

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): I wish to ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration if he would answer the question I directed to him on October 9 concerning a directive that may or may not have been issued by his department to the Manpower offices asking them to curtail applications for adult training for unemployed people in view of the great burden on the budget.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I have checked this matter with my officials, Mr. Speaker. Of course they do not know anything about such a directive. The hon. member should know from the announcement by the Minister of Finance to the House some days ago that not only has the budget not been curtailed but that there is additional money available for the purpose of manpower retraining this year.

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HARBOURS

ESTABLISHMENT OF PORT AUTHORITY AT CHURCHILL— LOCAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Can the minister say whether a port authority has been set up for the Port of Churchill under the national port authority concept?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker, no authority has been established. However, I have been in communication with the Premier of Manitoba and have indicated to him that we would be pleased to consider Churchill in terms of the application of the new proposals now before various ports across Canada. I will be meeting with the Premier of Manitoba and those whom he designates in a comparatively short time regarding this matter.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Simpson: When preparations are made to set up this authority, will the minister give full consideration to having local representation on the Churchill port authority?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, one of the main objects of the new plan is to ensure a good deal of local autonomy. That will be the case in Churchill and elsewhere.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PENSIONS OF HONG KONG VETERANS AND WIDOWS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In view of the complete unanimity which has been evident at every stage concerning the proposals to improve the pensions of Hong Kong veterans and their widows, can the minister say whether we might expect legislation implementing these proposals to be before the House at an early date?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker, legislation is being prepared in that connection. I am not in a position to anticipate exactly when this legislation will be before the House but as far as I am concerned, the sooner the better.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. If there is going to be any unusual delay with regard to the whole question of veterans legislation, could there be early introduction of the legislation regarding Hong Kong veterans?

Mr. Dubé: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there will be any unusual delay. I expect this legislation will be before the House at an early stage. I hope that at that time we will have the co-operation of all hon. members, including the hon. member who asked the question.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): You will.

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TRADE

PROTEST AGAINST IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS BY UNITED STATES ON CERTAIN IMPORTS FROM CANADA

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. This matter was to be referred to him by the Minister of National Revenue on October 14th. Perhaps I can repeat my question. Has the government made any representations to the United States government by way of protesting trade bill H.R. 18970 now before Congress, which proposes to impose quotas on several Canadian imports that are vital to our economy?