

BARLEY—MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN PRICE
TO JAPAN

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): My supplementary question is for the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatoon-Humboldt. Could the minister inform the House if it is the intention of the Wheat Board to meet the Australian sale price on malting barley to Japan, in order that we can expect increased sales of that grade of barley to that country?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): I would have to inquire from the Wheat Board about their policy in this regard, Mr. Speaker. Their general policy, of course, is to be competitive and, as a result of this, very large movements of barley are in fact taking place.

WHEAT—METHOD OF ALLOCATING BOXCARS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question also for the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatoon-Humboldt. Now that the railways are using potash cars for shipping grain which, in many instances elevators cannot use because the spouts are too low, thus creating disparity between competitive elevators, will the allocation of those cars be based on the number of cars or on bushel capacity so that a better balance can be created?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the block system is certainly not operated blindly in terms of the total number of cars, but rather in terms of the total quantity of grain required to be moved. The objective of the block system at the moment is to try to move grain as equitably as possible from all delivery points.

Mr. Korchinski: A supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As we have one or two minutes left I wonder whether we could not agree to give other members the opportunity to ask questions.

CRIMINAL CODE

ABORTION—REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS IN
LIGHT OF CANADIAN MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION POSITION

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. In light of the significant fact that the Canadian Medical Association has removed the ban on abortion from its code of ethics,

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will the minister now consider legislation for the removal of abortion from the Criminal Code?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): We are considering all factors as they arise from time to time, Mr. Speaker.

IMMIGRATION

REPRESENTATIONS BY ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION ON ADMISSION OF U.S. DRAFT
DODGERS AND DESERTERS

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Mr. Speaker, but in his absence I shall direct it to the Prime Minister. Has the Royal Canadian Legion made any representation to the government protesting the entry to Canada of 60,000 draft dodgers and deserters from the United States?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I remember the representation appearing in the newspaper, Mr. Speaker, but I have not had word from the minister that he intends to take action.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON OPERATION OF
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT—
NEWFOUNDLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion if, before the adjournment of Parliament, he will make a statement on the operation of the Regional Development Incentives Act which has now been in operation for one year, in view of the failure of the act in the two provinces that need it most, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, every month, a report is tabled in this House on the subject and the hon. member may see what results are achieved.

Mr. Speaker, last Monday, the hon. member for St. John's East asked me whether I was aware of the existence of a \$1 billion program established in Newfoundland. At that time, I answered that I did not know anything about