

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, the grades shipped will be largely No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 northern wheat, with some quantities of Durum and some quantities of Alberta red winters.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

AVAILABILITY OF BOXCARS FOR DELIVERY OF WHEAT

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, may I join with the House in welcoming this announcement. I should like to ask the minister whether he can assure the House and the country that boxcars will be made available for the delivery of this wheat inasmuch as they are so badly needed in western Canada?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, this matter has been raised a number of times and I have reported on the discussions which have been held between the Wheat Board and the railways and between myself and these bodies, and on the assurance of the railways of the supply of boxcars according to the schedule which has been developed by the Wheat Board for the movement not only of these quantities but of the record quantities of grain we expect to export this year.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Horner: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will recognize the hon. member for Crowfoot, but I notice there are at least 30 or 35 members rising for the purpose of asking questions. We should try to limit the number of supplementary questions. At the moment I recognize the hon. member for Crowfoot.

Mr. Horner: I should like to ask a quick supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In light of the expected deliveries that have already been announced by the minister and the Wheat Board, can the minister assure the House that this commitment will be met, particularly in view of the difficulties at the already jammed ports at the Lakehead and Vancouver?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, what I can assure the hon. member of is that everything is being done to make sure that any possible difficulty which crops up is in fact met.

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AGRICULTURE

PRICE OF DRESSED HOGS—ACTION UNDER AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION ACT

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture since the Minister of Agriculture has not been present during the last two days and because the question is urgent. In view of the

[Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia).]

fact that dressed hogs sold for \$22 per hundredweight on the public market in Saskatoon on Monday this week, is the minister prepared to initiate action under the Agricultural Stabilization Act since the support price level now set by the Agricultural Stabilization Board is \$22.17 per hundredweight?

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for raising the question and I shall bring it to the attention of the minister with the expectation that an answer can be given tomorrow.

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GRAIN

RAPESEED—RECEIPT OF TRUCKLOAD DELIVERIES BY SASKATOON TERMINAL

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I should like to reply to a question raised yesterday by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar regarding deliveries of rapeseed. I am advised that the Board of Grain Commissioners issued instructions to the trade under date of October 14 that the inland elevators at Saskatoon and Edmonton would receive rapeseed on a trucklot basis for the account of grain companies. This facility is now in operation.

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FINANCE

ISSUING OF UNSOLICITED CREDIT CARDS BY BANKS

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. Would the minister give consideration to taking appropriate measures against the chartered banks of Canada to prevent these institutions sending out unsolicited credit cards which place a liability on everyone who receives them through the mail?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to consider the hon. member's representation.

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GRAIN

INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT—CANADIAN POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS ON RENEWAL

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration in his capacity as minister responsible for the Wheat Board. Would the minister take the first opportunity under motions to place before the House the position the government is taking in current discussions opened yesterday by the International Wheat Council with a view to renewing the existing International Grains Arrangement and could he indicate who is representing Canada at these meetings?