

## ACCEPTANCE OF VALUATION OF FARMLAND—REQUEST FOR GUIDELINES FOR FARMERS

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue concerning persons who are running about the country claiming that they can evaluate farmland and assess the farmers. In actual fact, they are conning many farmers out of money. Can the minister indicate to the House and the country whether the valuations that these people place on farmland will be accepted by his department or is there a possibility that they will all be rejected and the farmers' money wasted?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure to whom the hon. member is referring but I gather they are not employees of the Department of National Revenue. If he will give me the details I will be glad to look into the matter.

**Mr. Korchinski:** Would the minister also have his department prepare guidelines for the use of farmers so that they can set up these evaluations themselves instead of being fleeced by those so-called experts. Perhaps the Department of Agriculture might assist in this matter.

**Mr. Stanbury:** Mr. Speaker, my colleague the Minister of Agriculture and I will be glad to get together and see if we can provide anything more than has been already. We want to help farmers, as other taxpayers, get the full value of tax reform.

**Mr. Hees:** If they can only wade through it.

## REVISED TD-1 FORMS PERMITTING \$1,000 DEDUCTION TO PERSONS 65 AND OVER—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICES

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the Minister of National Revenue if he would produce the instructions that went out with the revised TD-1 forms last August in connection particularly with the position of Canadians who are 65 years of age or over. The minister undertook to look into the question. Can he now report to the House?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I have sought the advice of my officials and hope to be able to answer the hon. gentleman tomorrow.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Would the minister be able to inform the House at the same time whether any other revised forms have been sent out that would be available on request and are more favourable to the taxpayer than the forms that are actually being circulated?

**Mr. Stanbury:** Mr. Speaker, I can inquire but I do not think that the hon. gentleman would suggest that people who wanted to take the opportunity to have their deductions on the basis of the proposed higher age exemption should have been prevented from doing so. On the other hand, they should not have been required to do so either because, of course, until the House passes the new law there can be no assurance that this will actually be the exemption allowed.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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## Oral Questions

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have just about come to the end of the question period and there are still a number of supplementaries on the subject. The Chair is prepared to recognize the hon. member for Assiniboia.

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## TRANSPORT

## GRAIN HOPPER CARS—POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY RAILWAYS

**Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the fact it is the responsibility of the railways to supply and maintain sufficient equipment to meet transportation needs, and the government has assumed some of its responsibility by purchasing hopper cars, is consideration being given to having the railroads buy the equipment from the government to carry out their responsibilities or is it the intention of the government to retain ownership?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the specific reason for the involvement of the government in the purchase of this equipment was the difference of view about whether the railways could actually carry all the grain offered in the equipment they had if the elevator companies went to a complete seven-day-week system, as well as the difficulties the elevator companies had in connection with that system. In the area of fixed rates, negotiations were not proving to be very fruitful. As a result, the government entered into the matter with the purchase of hopper cars to make sure that the grain moved. The dispute on the issue obviously is an ongoing one. At the time it may be resolved I think it would be appropriate for the railways to take over the equipment.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I recognized the hon. member for Assiniboia because I thought he had a supplementary to the question asked by the Leader of the Opposition. As I have said, we have reached the end of the question period and my intention was to recognize supplementaries on that question. The hon. member for Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo.

**Mr. Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** It is not a supplementary but it is an important question.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair will have to call orders of the day. I apologize to hon. members. The hon. member for Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo can be recognized tomorrow. I have to apologize to many hon. members in the fourth and fifth rows who were not called on today. I hope an effort can be made tomorrow by the Chair to give them some priority. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Crouse:** No, Mr. Speaker. I had a supplementary to the question put by the Leader of the Opposition.

**Mr. Speaker:** I did say there could be one supplementary; perhaps I might allow the hon. member to ask it.