

this very important issue, would the Acting Prime Minister, in his charitable way, advise or instruct the Minister of Transport to make a statement on motions immediately on his return to Canada on what conclusions were reached in his discussions with his U.S. counterparts?

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#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

##### DESIGNATION OF MONTREAL REPORTER AS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IN PUBLICATION

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** I have a question for the Secretary of State, but in his absence perhaps I might direct it to the Acting Secretary of State or to the Acting Prime Minister. Possibly the matter should be raised as a question of privilege, but I think I will follow the alternative of putting it as a question.

I have in front of me a copy of a publication of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation called "Closed Circuit". The headline on the front page reads, "CBC Foreign Correspondents Picked Stories of the Year", and there are pictures of six so-called foreign correspondents, one from Moscow, one from Washington, one from the United Nations, one from the Far East, one from Paris and one, Mr. Peter Daniel, from Montreal.

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

**Mr. Nesbitt:** It may seem somewhat humourous, but in view of the present circumstances in Canada it seems to me to be a rather serious matter that a Crown corporation, the CBC, should publish something like this that can be used by many in this country as an excuse for certain actions. I was wondering—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder if the hon. member proposes to ask a question following the statement he has made.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** Your Honour, perhaps there was a little disturbance in the House. I was going to say, would the Acting Prime Minister or, preferably, the Acting Secretary of State look into this matter and provide some explanation to the House since the CBC costs the country \$180 million a year?

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#### GRAIN

##### INCREASE IN WHEAT DELIVERY QUOTAS TO FILL MANITOBA ELEVATOR SPACE

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. In view of the fact that as of mid-December some 50 per cent of the elevator space in the province of Manitoba was vacant, could the minister advise the House whether a further immediate increase in general wheat quotas will be provided to allow more of this space to be filled more quickly than will otherwise happen?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, as the House well knows, it is our

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hope that the elevator system will not be overfilled and that it will be in a position to operate at peak efficiency. It is true, of course that an extra number of deliveries out of Manitoba elevators led to a depletion of stocks in those elevators during the last part of 1970. Since that time wheat quotas have been opened and an additional five bushels has been added to the barley quota bringing it up to 20 bushels throughout all Manitoba blocks. We think that with these actions we will soon see an increase in the stocks in these elevators.

**Mr. Benjamin:** In view of the number of complaints that various Members of Parliament have been getting about the amount of space in country elevators, can the minister advise us how quickly the remaining seven shipping blocks still on a three-bushel general quota will be raised to four bushels, and when we can expect a further general increase for all shipping blocks?

**Mr. Lang:** No, Mr. Speaker. My information from the Wheat Board is that most of the blocks were in fact put on the four-bushel quota for wheat. Those which were not were ones in which space was required for barley movement or the movement of other grain. The Wheat Board makes these judgments according to the amount of grain required for market, and with the system of shipping blocks it has some confidence that the grain can be delivered in time.

#### PRODUCTION AND RECEIPTS PROGRAM—DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PASTURES

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a related question. I raised the original question on Monday last when I asked the minister whether community pastures would no longer be opened up as has been done under PFRA. The minister indicated that I had misstated the facts. I have obtained a copy of the pamphlet issued by the minister in which he says that "any programs and policies which tend to encourage the breaking of new land would be discouraged." I wonder whether the minister wishes to correct the wrong impression he apparently left at that time and also his allegation that I misstated the facts?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might say that the statement which the hon. member has just quoted is correct, whereas the statement he referred to earlier was not.

**Mr. Korchinski:** May I ask the minister whether it will no longer be policy of the government to open community pastures?

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, the difficulty with that question is that it goes well beyond the narrow issue contained in the other statement. The exact nature of ARDA agreements, which are very often involved and which I think the hon. member is really referring to, involves discussion between the provinces and the government. I would not want to preclude the possibility of, in certain cases, certain specific agreements being entered into.