

Order Paper Questions

ed dated April 5, 1971, April 25, 1972 and April 5, 1973, is the government prepared to reconsider the answer to Question No. 1,891 on page 3563 of *Hansard* of May 9, 1973, that they have had no application for financial assistance from Mr. Michael J. Houlton of Can-Ad Promotions Limited to promote Canadian-owned companies?

2. Is the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce prepared to acknowledge applications received from Mr. Michael J. Houlton of Can-Ad Promotions Limited for financial assistance in promoting Canadian-owned companies?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): In so far as the Prime Minister and Privy Council offices are concerned: 1. In early April of 1971, Mr. Michael J. Houlton delivered to the Prime Minister's office a proposal by Can-Ad Promotions Limited for a logo for Canadian-owned corporations. The proposal was acknowledged in writing on April 5, 1971, with advice to the effect that it was being forwarded to the Minister responsible for Information Canada. Mr. Houlton answered the acknowledgment on April 8, 1971, indicating his appreciation for the action taken. Mr. Houlton wrote again to the Prime Minister on April 15, 1972, seeking assistance for his proposal. That letter was answered by the Prime Minister's Office on April 25, suggesting to Mr. Houlton that he might wish to seek financial assistance from the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Mr. Houlton wrote a further letter to the Prime Minister on March 26, 1973, seeking assistance for his proposal by way of a \$50,000 loan from the federal government. The April 5 reply to his letter informed Mr. Houlton that the Prime Minister's office does not administer government programs and that any request for loans or grants should be directed to the appropriate department. Mr. Houlton addressed a communiqué to the Prime Minister on April 16, 1973, on behalf of the Governor General. The Administrative Assistant to the Governor General had written to Mr. Houlton earlier, on April 12, advising him that His Excellency had not given permission for such use of his name.

In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 2. No application has been received from Michael J. Houlton of Can-Ad Promotions Limited.

REGULATION FOR DISPLAYING PORTRAIT OF HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN

Question No. 2,179—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

What is the regulation for displaying the portrait of Her Majesty, the Queen of Canada, in (a) federal courts (b) post offices (c) other federal buildings?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): The Department of the Secretary of State has no record of a regulation for displaying the portrait of Her Majesty, the Queen of Canada.

PRODUCTION OF MALTING BARLEY

Question No. 2,409—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

1. Do the malting barley producers contribute to the costs incurred by the Canadian Wheat Board in the same way as do the feed barley producers?

[Mr. Blenkarn.]

2. Does the government provide the malting barley producing farmer with incentives to ship his produce by modes of transportation other than rail shipment, for example, by truck?

3. What are the numbers of bushels of malting barley shipped per year?

4. Has the government considered the separate pooling of malting barley, for example, in the same way as is Durum wheat?

5. Has the government considered the possibility of creating effective incentives towards the establishment of malting facilities in the Western provinces where the product is produced?

6. If the government considers these incentives to be uneconomical, has it considered altering the present regulations and freight charges in order that the farmers producing malting barley not be penalized for their eastern shipments?

7. What is the present premium paid by the Canadian Wheat Board to the farmer who produces malting barley?

8. What level of malting barley production and what degree of competitive status does the government want the malting barley industry to achieve?

9. Is the present premium paid to the malting barley farmer by the Canadian Wheat Board an adequate level of incentive to attain this degree of production and competitiveness or does it believe that perhaps this should be increased to approximately 25 cents per bushel?

10. (a) How much No. 1 and No. 2 Feed Barley was eligible for malting (b) how many bushels of this barley were actually sold by the Canadian Wheat Board to the malting companies?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): 1. Yes.

2. No. It should be noted that the malthouses located in the Canadian Wheat Board designated area do not have truck unloading facilities.

3. 39,380,526.5 bushels of barley were shipped during the 1972-73 crop year under selected barley permits issued by the Canadian Wheat Board. A relatively small percentage of this quantity would be for pot or pearling purposes.

4. The government has considered the concept of separate pooling for certain types of wheat, oats and barley, including malting barley. Durum forms part of the wheat pool account but because durum is a recognizable variety, it has its own grade structure enabling its market returns to be reflected in its final payments. The suitability of barley for malting is not a grading factor.

5. Incentives for the modernization, expansion or establishment of malting facilities in the western provinces are available under the Regional Development Incentives Act and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion Act. It should be noted that grants have been authorized under the regional development program for two such facilities.

6. Incentives referred to in 5 are authorized where it is felt they are needed to induce entrepreneurs to modernize, expand or establish viable facilities and in this way contribute to the economic development and social adjustment of the regions designated for assistance.

7. A premium of 15 cents per bushel is paid to the delivering producer.

8. The government supports the achievement by the malting industry of the maximum possible level of production and competitiveness.

9. The present premium of 15 cents per bushel would seem to be an adequate level of incentive for the grower as maltsters have been able to obtain their required supplies of malting barley at this level of premium.