

Inquiries of the Ministry

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. I just want to fully understand and the people of Saskatchewan are naturally interested that when rapeseed has a foreign market the government will permit it to be sold. In view of the fact that Mr. Joe Caplan of Prince Albert was down here for several days a few weeks ago trying to get the consent of the government—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the right hon. member please ask the question?

Mr. Diefenbaker:—to the sale of rapeseed for which there are orders abroad and hundreds of thousands of dollars available in foreign exchange, does the statement the minister just made mean that rapeseed may be sold outside the quota?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I have also had a meeting with Mr. Caplan and what he advocated through the resolution and so on was not a sharing of the market for rapeseed although he is one of the exporters; What he is asking is for him and his associates to have some special consideration so that they may move their rapeseed ahead of all the other farmers. I do not subscribe to that theory.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is not true.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Will the government consider taking steps to end the confusion that exists and the lack of co-ordination by putting rapeseed and flaxseed under the total jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board?

Mr. Baldwin: A couple of resignations would help.

Mr. Olson: There is no confusion except perhaps in the minds of hon. members opposite who refuse to try to understand the situation.

TRANSPORT

**BORDEN-TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE—
LABOUR UNREST—CONTINUITY
OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister and relates to the day-long strike on the Canadian National car ferries between Tormentine and Borden. Would the Prime Minister indicate whether he has received a request from the government of

[Mr. Olson.]

Prince Edward Island and whether action is being taken to alleviate the labour unrest among Canadian National personnel on the Northumberland Strait car ferry system, as well as ensuring continuity of service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland as guaranteed under the terms of Confederation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): If there was such a request by the end of last week, the matter has not yet been brought to my attention.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. When investigating this matter, would the Prime Minister ascertain whether such necessary maintenance as is required to service the car ferries can be obtained in the home port of Borden, thus perhaps alleviating some of the labour unrest there?

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

**ACCIDENT CAUSED BY SPILLING OF
SULPHURIC ACID FROM TOY CAR**

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State and is related to the question the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway directed on Thursday last to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs concerning a toy car with a sulphuric acid battery that may be dangerous to children. Would the minister check with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and advise this House if in fact a public affairs program, prerecorded on November 2 for showing on November 27, the same day as the hon. member asked her question, was in fact cancelled and the producer subsequently fired after he pointed out in letters to his member and also to the management the potential hazards of this sulphuric acid battery propelled toy which is now on the market and being pushed in metropolitan areas of Canada in view of the season?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to check whether the allegations made by the hon. member are justified.

[English]

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, may I ask a related question of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Because of the continuing safety hazard in some Christmas toys for children,