

HEALTH

REPORTED HAZARDS OF SHELL VAPONA
INSECTICIDE STRIP

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I have a question to direct to the attention of the Minister of National Health and Welfare or the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Can either minister indicate whether an inquiry or study is being made at this time into the reported health hazards of the household insecticide-killing strip produced by the Shell Oil Company, the Vapona strip?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, actually the question should have been referred to the Minister of Agriculture under whose jurisdiction the control of pesticides falls. Very extensive tests of this product are being conducted in consultation and co-operation with my department and the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Mr. Mather: Can the minister indicate when the results of such tests might be available?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, we are sending out a press release today and I would be happy to send a copy to my hon. friend.

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[Translation]

AIRPORTS

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE—EXPROPRIATION OF LAND

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should have like to put a question to the Minister of Transport, but since he is away I shall direct it to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

We have learned that as a result of land expropriation for the construction of the airport in Ste. Scholastique, a great number of farmers, that is about 600, suffer serious prejudices as their rights are being encroached upon. I have also learned that they made some representations to the government in November, but that they have not yet obtained an answer. Could the minister tell us when and how the government intends to solve their problems?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I will be pleased, Mr. Speaker, to pass on the question to the Minister of Transport.

Mr. Asselin: I would like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

In view of the urgency of the matter, could the hon. minister ask the Minister of Transport to make a clear and precise statement on motions about the government's position in that regard?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I shall also refer that question to the minister, Mr. Speaker.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

GRAIN

PRESENCE OF WEEVILS OR MITES IN WHEAT SHIPMENTS

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, the other day the Minister of Agriculture indicated to the House that he had received no complaints from foreign buyers in respect of rusty beetles in grain. Since he chose to be technical, has he had any complaints about weevils, mites or any other contamination in grain shipped to other countries? If he has, would he indicate which countries they are and how extensive the contamination was?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there have been some complaints and, indeed, even some claims based on these complaints. I should advise the House that this is not the first time this has happened, and indeed they have not been much greater this year than in previous years. I will be glad to give the hon. member the other details as to the countries and the number of cargoes as soon as I have them.

Mr. Korchinski: Since it appears that the inspection is at fault here, is the government prepared to accept the responsibility?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, the inspection service is not at fault.

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[Translation]

TRADE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF ENERGY,
MINES AND RESOURCES ON TRIP TO JAPAN

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the hon. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Will he soon report on motions about his trip to Japan?

[English]

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker, perhaps the minister did not understand my question. I simply asked for a statement on motions in respect of his recent trip. Would he make such a report?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I had not contemplated making such a statement, but as the hon. member has indicated interest I will consider his proposition.

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CRIMINAL CODE

ABORTION—INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT IN LIGHT OF
REPORTED ILLEGAL OPERATIONS IN QUEBEC

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, has the Minister of Justice received the report of le Centre de Planning Familial du Québec which estimates that during the past 12 months between 10,000