

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

cate which steps he intends to take to correct that situation, particularly in the province of Quebec?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Villeneuve will recognize that his question has a rather broad range. It seems to me that a question of this kind normally requires a general statement, which can also be made on motions. I therefore suggest to the minister to indicate to the House whether he intends to make such a statement.

## QUEBEC—STUDY OF LACK OF HOUSING

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the hon. member for Lotbinière wish to ask a supplementary question?

**Mr. André Fortin:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I should like to ask the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing if his department is now studying problems caused by the housing shortage in Quebec, in co-operation with the Quebec government, and if so, will the House be informed about the findings of such studies?

[English]

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, the officials in CMHC are studying these matters at all times. I made reference to these questions in the special debate which took place in the House last week. Of course, there is collaboration and discussion between all provinces on these matters.

[Translation]

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

In view of the official figures given by the hon. member for Villeneuve, I should like to ask the minister in charge of housing if, account being taken of the concern he shares with civil servants about the housing situation in Quebec, special attention is given to this important problem?

[English]

**Mr. Andras:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, special attention is being given to it. I might say that in the province of Quebec, due to preoccupation with other matters during the month of May, the public housing funds allocated there were not used at the rate they ordinarily

[Mr. Tétrault.]

would have been. However, this situation has been remedied now and I think you will see considerable increase in the number of low income housing starts in that province.

## SECOND PHASE OF EXPERIMENTAL HOUSING

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact the minister stated a short while ago that he would be making a statement on motions with regard to the second phase of the experimental housing fund of \$200 million before the recess, is it the intention of the minister to make that statement on the second phase of experimental housing shortly?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot remember committing myself to make a statement on motions, but if that is the case I would be prepared to do it before the House rises. However, there will be an announcement within the next few days with regard to the second phase of the \$200 million.

## GRAIN

## ADOPTION OF PROTEIN STANDARD AMENDMENT TO CANADA GRAIN ACT PRIOR TO PASSING BILL C-196

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to take advantage of the harmonious atmosphere of the House to ask a constructive question of the Minister of Agriculture, who is not far away. I should like to ask, because the adjournment of this session is drawing close without any certainty that Bill C-196 will become law, whether the minister will consult with the other parties in the House with a view to securing unanimous approval for the introduction and immediate passage without debate of an interim bill to authorize the government to establish protein grading of wheat? I believe this is a very important matter.

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, as you know there are provisions in Bill C-196 to amend the statutory grades, but there are several other very essential amendments to the Canada Grains Act contained within Bill C-196. I would suggest to the Leader of the Opposition that the best thing he could do for the farmers of Canada would be to encourage his members to expedite passage of this bill.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!