#### Inquiries of the Ministry UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

#### DELAY IN PAYMENT OF BENEFITS—REQUEST FOR OFFICE IN WHITEHORSE

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): My question is for the Minister of Labour. It is supplementary to the questions asked by the hon. member for Lotbinière. In view of the hardships that are being suffered as a result of large numbers of claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in the Yukon, and in view of the crushing burdens being placed on welfare agencies because of delays, will the minister consider the re-establishment of an operative and functioning Unemployment Insurance Commission office in Whitehorse in this separate jurisdiction?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour):** I will be glad to look into that question, Mr. Speaker.

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#### DRUGS

#### REQUEST THAT FURTHER REPORTS OF LE DAIN COMMISSION BE WITHHELD PENDING INCLUSION OF CAUTIONARY FOREWORD

Mr. H. E. Stafford (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, I am one of those who tried yesterday and on previous days to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In his absence today, I intended to direct my question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In his absence today, I will direct it to the Acting Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Secretary of State. In view of considerable evidence that the first two documents of the Le Dain Commission on Drugs, namely the "Interim Report" and "Treatment" contain misleading and inaccurate statements which, in the view of important medical people could be dangerous to health, is the government willing to withhold the publication and distribution of the next report on cannibis until it has been carefully scrutinized and a proper cautionary foreword prepared by a qualified team of medical experts, nominated by an independent body such as the Canadian Medical Association, for inclusion in the report?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am taking note of this question and will pass it on to the minister.

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[English]

#### GRAIN

#### INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT ACTION ON RE-NEGOTIATION

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): My question is for the Minister of Justice in his capacity as being responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. In light of numerous and strong representations being made by spokesmen for Canadian and American farm organizations recently, calling on both governments to move [Mr. Speaker.] toward re-negotiating the International Wheat Agreement with meaningful price levels, what action, if any, is our government taking in this regard?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we are following up this matter in discussions with the interested governments. We will certainly welcome any early opportunity to move toward such orderly pricing levels.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### OMISSION OF THE WORD "ROYAL" FROM ADVERTISING OF MILITARY COLLEGES

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): My question is for the Prime Minister. It arises from an advertisement of national scope in connection with advertising Royal Military Colleges as Military Colleges. In view of the keen interest of the general public in our traditions, and in view of the fact several members of this House are graduates of Royal Military Colleges, I ask the government why the government has dropped the word "Royal" in their advertising of the Royal Military College at Kingston, Royal Roads at Victoria and the Collège Militaire at St. Jean, Quebec. This is obvious from the current nation-wide advertising I have seen.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has asked a question. Perhaps he might allow the Prime Minister to reply.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudecu (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the advertisement. I am not sure if it is one that has been placed by the colleges or by the government. If this was done by the government, it was presumably done by the Minister of National Defence or his department. I will refer the question to him.

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#### **CRIMINAL CODE**

#### AMENDMENT RESPECTING OFF-TRACK BETTING— GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. In view of the indication in the speech from the throne delivered in the Ontario legislature last week that the government of Ontario will legalize off-track betting shops when the necessary amendments are made to the Criminal Code, is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to introduce those necessary amendments?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we are giving serious consideration to the timing of some amendments in this regard, but I intend to have some further discussions with the provincial authorities before bringing a proposal before the House.