

Inquiries of the Ministry

providing additional cash advances. I should like to advise my hon. friend that at the end of this week we will be having a further report from the Board of Grain Commissioners and the Canadian Wheat Board on how far we have advanced in the drying of grain on farms, and what will be the total volume of tough and damp grain remaining at the end of this month.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister receives this report will he communicate it to parliament immediately?

Mr. Olson: I think that could be done, Mr. Speaker.

FISHERIES**INQUIRY ABOUT STATEMENT ON ATLANTIC SALT COD**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries. Since he made a statement recently about the groundfish industry, may I ask whether he will soon make another statement about the salt fish industry in general, and Atlantic salt cod in particular?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, as I said at the end of my announcement last week, we hope in a few weeks to make an announcement about the salt fish industry.

Mr. Lundrigan: May I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Speaker. Is his department taking initiatives, in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries, to stimulate the United States market in fish?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking for a general statement which I suggest cannot be made at this time.

TRANSPORT**EXTENSION OF L.C.L. RATE FREEZE**

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Since most of the more than 100 briefs presented to the transport committee recommended the extension of the l.c.l. rate freeze to beyond March 3, 1969, will the minister make sure that the freeze is extended until such time as the transportation policy for the Atlantic area is defined and announced?

[Mr. Olson.]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this question is under urgent consideration at the moment, as indicated to the Atlantic premiers in my reply contained in a wire I sent them a few days ago.

HARBOURS**REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Will he undertake to table an already widely circulated departmental report on the administration of ports and harbours in Canada. At the same time will he assure the house and the people of Canada that no action will be taken on this report until it has been studied by this house and the department.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the report already has been tabled. I can assure my hon. friend that no action will be taken until the committee has had a chance to study it.

HOUSING**OTTAWA—APPROVAL FOR BUILDING OF PUBLIC UNITS**

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport in his capacity as minister responsible for housing. Is it his intention to give immediate approval for the building of 800 public housing units awaiting approval in Ottawa. That action may alleviate the already urgent housing situation in this area.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe a similar question was asked yesterday.

INDIAN AFFAIRS**FULFILMENT OF TREATY RESPECTING MIGRATORY BIRDS**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the minister received reports that across large sections of western Canada migratory game birds in winter feeding grounds are not being protected as they ought to be under the international agreement?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether we might not consider this question at the time of adjournment.