

Inquiries of the Ministry

report. For me to comment on each one of them and to suggest what the government's reaction and policy will be with respect to the findings in the report would be premature at this time. I say that for two reasons. First of all, we think there ought to be further discussions on the subject within the government itself; second, we think that the interested parties in the public sector should have a look at these recommendations before we begin the process of answering questions of this kind.

GRAIN**WHEAT—ACHIEVEMENT OF FORECAST
TOTAL SALES**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board. In view of the recent report by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicating that in the first eight months of this crop year the volume of wheat sales is 28 per cent below the 10-year average of 254 million bushels for the period 1958-68, can the minister tell the House whether he still expects sales to reach the 375 million bushels for the current crop year which he forecast earlier this season?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the level of export is running steadily ahead of last year in terms of current weeks and months, and so the difference between those two figures is rapidly disappearing and there will soon be a favourable balance. Accordingly, I can say I am still optimistic that the figure will be reached.

FISHERIES**LETTERS, TOGETHER WITH DEAD FISH, SENT
TO CERTAIN MEMBERS AND CONTAINING
MISLEADING STATEMENTS**

Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Will the minister attempt to determine the origin of a number of obviously spurious letters bearing a wide variety of postmarks purporting to be written by one Lloyd McCracken of a major United States oil company which have been sent to several Members of Parliament, together with packets of very dead fish interred in bunker oil, letters which contain misleading statements injurious to the fishing industry of the maritimes?

[Mr. Olson.]

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I have received a telephone call from a senior executive of Imperial Oil protesting about this and saying that the letter does not originate from that company and that it was mailed from at least four sources in eastern Canada, one of which is the Parliament Buildings.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary I should like to ask the minister. Does the information he has received show that there is no such research organization as is shown on the letterhead?

Mr. Davis: I understand there is no such organization.

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Fisheries. Because of these plastic packages of pollution that members have been receiving in their mail boxes, and because they appear to have been pretty widely distributed and reflect very seriously on the fishery industry in Newfoundland, would the minister, following a full investigation, be prepared to make a statement to clear up the matter and refute the statements made in the letter?

Mr. Davis: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. Can the minister assure the House that those which were sent from the House of Commons post office did not have a frank on them?

AIRPORTS**TORONTO WATERFRONT—APPROVAL BY
CITY COUNCIL**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the great interest in the statement the minister made to the House on Tuesday last about the proposed new Toronto airport, would he be even more specific and state categorically that no new waterfront airport will be constructed without consultation with and approval or consent of, the council of the city of Toronto?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think I can give that assurance. I am not exactly sure of the legal limitations of my assurance but, as I said to the House the other day, it now appears to be very evident that a so-called