

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as far as the first part of the question is concerned, I have not studied the specific exchange between the government of Quebec and the Gabonese Minister of Education, but I heard from the Quebec authorities themselves that the Minister of Education had stated that no agreement or treaty was involved but a mere exchange between both governments. Therefore, subject to examination as to what took place exactly, I cannot answer the first part of the question.

As for the second part, the meeting in Ottawa between the Gabonese minister and the Canadian minister led us to conclude that the relations between Gabon and Canada were satisfactory, and we hope that they will remain so.

[English]

## RHODESIA—INQUIRY AS TO WITHDRAWAL OF SANCTIONS

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Since the policy announced by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in respect of future treatment of Indian people is based on the concept that white is right, is the Prime Minister considering withdrawing Canada's sanctions against Rhodesia?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question as asked is not in order. It contains allegations.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Not only is it not in order; it is very low.

## TRADE

## WHEAT—SALE TO PERU—CONTRACT WITH RUSSIA

**Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase the question I attempted to direct to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce yesterday, and ask him whether the Wheat Board has recently completed an important wheat sale to a South American country?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I am particularly happy to say that—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Pepin:** —the Peruvian Minister of Finance is coming to Ottawa today in order to conclude governmental negotiations. I am having lunch with him in a few minutes and [Mr. La Salle.]

will be making an announcement at that time, making known certain details. I might add that this is the largest sale of Canadian wheat made to a Latin American country in recent years. I might also add that the sale was facilitated by the new credit arrangements for developing countries indicated in the discussion of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce estimates earlier this year.

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

**Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Have there been any recent developments with regard to the balance of the wheat contract with the U.S.S.R.?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, there is nothing to add on this at the moment.

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since this sale, hopefully, will mean that space will be available for more shipments, will the minister advise me if I can take to the meeting to be held in the northern part of Alberta on Sunday, which the minister unfortunately will not be able to attend, some useful information to the effect that a great number of box cars will be made available to that very depressed area so that farmers can meet their quotas?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, I suggest to the hon. member that he read at page 10784 of *Hansard* a declaration of the chief commissioner of the Wheat Board.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I have read it. That is why I asked the question.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Read it slowly.

## WHEAT—SALE IN AREA OVERSOLD BY ARGENTINA

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of current reports that our competitor, Argentina, has oversold its wheat supplies to some of our competitors and that there is a vacuum in that situation, will the minister or his officials look into the situation and see if Canada can dispose of some of her surplus in that area?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Wheat Board is bidding on that sale as well as on all others.