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their primary crops has remained static. Between now and the end of this crop year the government must come forward with a policy on price support and price stabilization. I see no alternative, Mr. Speaker, if we are to hope to keep the grain producers in western Canada engaged in the production of wheat, oats and barley.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I should like to say I am somewhat puzzled by the statement that appears on page 2 of the statement to the effect that:

—through international co-operation...the marketing of wheat is now more orderly both as to demand and price.

I think the minister is using euphemistic terms in that statement, Mr. Speaker, because the evidence is to the contrary. The price is still lagging, and there is not much hope in the immediate future of any improvement. We look forward with anticipation to the statement the minister will make on the closing of the wheat pool for the last crop year prior to the mailing out of the cheques.

**VACANCY**

**Mr. Speaker:** It is my duty to inform the house that consequent upon the notification of a vacancy in the representation given in this house on Monday, March 11, 1968 by the hon. member for Sainte-Marie, and pursuant to section 10 of the House of Commons Act, I have addressed my warrant to the chief electoral officer for the issuance of a new writ of election for the electoral district of Saint-Jacques.

**UNITED NATIONS****RHODESIA—REQUEST OF AFRICAN NATIONS FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question about Rhodesia. Can he inform the house what is Canada's position in view of the request by African nations for an urgent meeting of the Security Council?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we have supported that request. I understand the Security Council will meet this week and deal with this matter. There will also be a meeting of the Commonwealth sanctions committee on Rhodesia I understand later this week in London.

[Mr. Schreyer.]

**Mr. Stanfield:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Prime Minister inform the house whether the government of Canada has made representations of any kind to Rhodesia within say the last 48 hours in connection with executions?

**Mr. Pearson:** No, Mr. Speaker; no formal representations.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In connection with added sanctions, has the government of Canada anything to say at this time as to whether Canada intends to join with certain other Commonwealth countries in banning mail to and from Rhodesia?

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, one of the matters that I hope will be discussed by the Security Council is the imposition of more stringent and additional sanctions against Rhodesia; and we would support this.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, within the Commonwealth is anything being suggested along the unusual line that mail to and from Rhodesia would be barred?

**Mr. Pearson:** To be effective this matter, I think, would have to be dealt with on a universal basis at the United Nations. It could not be effectively done by the Commonwealth countries acting alone.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** It is a dangerous course.

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****INQUIRY AS TO STATEMENT ON PRICES REVIEW BOARD**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** May I direct my question to the Prime Minister. Considering the rather general statement the Minister of Finance made last week regarding a review board, would he indicate whether the government has now decided to introduce legislation and when will that legislation be introduced to set up such board?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I expect to deal with that matter in the statement which I hope I shall be permitted to make this afternoon, on second reading of the bill.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Which bill?