

considered basis. Therefore I do not think, in the circumstances, the rule has been satisfied.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

URANIUM ORE TO U.K.

Motion No. 96—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of any contract, letter of agreement, correspondence, or other documents, exchanged between the government of Canada and the government of the United Kingdom since January 1, 1956, in relation to the supplying of uranium ore to the United Kingdom.

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I presume that the documents referred to by the hon. member for Assiniboia as being exchanged between the governments of Canada and the United Kingdom are those which deal with the purchase of uranium concentrates and not, as the question states, uranium ores. Moreover, they were exchanged between Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited and the United Kingdom atomic energy authority and not, as is stated in the question, between the governments of the two countries. If the hon. member will amend the form of his motion to cover that particular correspondence of March, April and May of 1957, I shall be glad to give it further consideration. It would be understood, of course, that the production of these documents would require the prior consent of the other parties to this correspondence.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the more convenient course to follow would be for the hon. member to withdraw his motion and resubmit it.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN SMALL HOLDING REQUIREMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I might say that I think these will be my last words prior to the Easter recess.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Herridge: I am very glad to make everyone happy at Easter time. In view of the fact that many veterans are anxiously awaiting the government's decision with respect to the reduction of acreage required for small holdings—as an example, one subdivision in Kootenay West of 30 half-acre lots will not be available for veterans if an early decision is not reached—would the minister inform

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the house when an announcement concerning this urgent and important question to veterans can be expected?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Veterans Affairs): This question has been raised on several occasions previously. The matter is under review. I hope during the Easter recess to have the opportunity to study a very comprehensive survey that has been made regarding this problem, and will have an early reply for the hon. member.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

INQUIRY AS TO DATES OF BY-ELECTIONS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether, before we adjourn for Easter, he will be able to inform the house as to the date of the four pending by-elections?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

STATEMENT ON ACTIVITIES OF RETURNING OFFICERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the question put to me yesterday by the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam is that the chief electoral officer proposes to carry out an annual revision of polling division boundaries each year until the next general election is held.

TRADE

WHEAT—REPORTED ADDITIONAL SALE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. N. Ormiston (Melville): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Would the minister comment regarding reports that there have been additional sales of wheat to Czechoslovakia other than the sale which was announced in this house?

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Mr. Speaker, there has been an additional sale to Czechoslovakia of 100,000 metric tons of wheat on the same terms as those I announced in the house on an earlier occasion. This sale is valued at \$8.6 million. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, combined with my earlier announcement, this will mean that approximately 300,000 metric tons or approximately 11 million bushels valued at approximately \$25.8 million are involved.