

the Minister of National Defence or officers of the department. Subject to the usual reservation I think the motion might pass, that papers which are not confidential or privileged will be produced.

CONSCRIPTION FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE—
CORRESPONDENCE WITH QUEBEC
PROVINCE

Mr. LALONDE:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the dominion government and the government of the province of Quebec, since September 1, 1939, pertaining to the putting into force of conscription for overseas military service.

EMERGENCY SHELTER REGULATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO APPLICATION OF THE CITY
OF WINNIPEG

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. H. KNOWLES (Winnipeg North Centre): Has the attention of the Minister of Finance been called to the fact that the council of the city of Winnipeg has made a second application asking that Winnipeg be brought under the emergency shelter regulations, and that this application is supported by other public bodies in the Winnipeg area? As evidence I hold in my hand a letter from the Winnipeg council on rehabilitation and post-war reconstruction, and also a telegram from the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Legion, urging that this request be granted. Can the minister indicate whether consideration has been given to this renewed application?

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): I received notice of this question just before coming into the house, but I know something about the situation in a general way. I know that when we formed the intention of making an offer to congested areas for the appointment of emergency shelter administrators we felt that it was necessary to stipulate that application must be made within a certain time; otherwise it would be impossible to set up an effective organization. That time has gone past; and I know that it is the strong conviction of the wartime prices and trade board officials who are concerned with these matters that it would be impossible now to accomplish anything worthwhile in Winnipeg in the time within which it could usefully be accomplished, that is, before the period around May 1.

I saw a copy of a letter that the chairman of the wartime prices and trade board has recently written to authorities of the city of Winnipeg in which he offers to give considera-

tion to setting up an organization with a view to the situation which may develop on the next moving date, which is October 1; but we do not think we can go into Winnipeg now with the idea of doing anything effective during the spring season.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

STATEMENT AS TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF
INCOME WAR TAX ACT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): I should like to make a brief statement in answer to some inquiries that have been made regarding family allowances. The Family Allowances Act provides for the payment, commencing in July, 1945, of monthly cash benefits in respect of children under the age of sixteen.

Mr. GRAYDON: What date in July?

Mr. ILSLEY: The period covered is the period on or after July 1, but the first payments are not to be made until later in the month of July.

At present an allowance is given to income tax payers for their dependent children, and it is not intended that there shall be a duplication of benefits in their case. The Income War Tax Act will be amended at the appropriate time to prevent this duplication. The exact nature of the amendment cannot as yet be announced, but it can now be said that taxpayers may be sure that their net position will not be impaired as a result of the payment of family allowances. I wished to make the last point clear in answer to inquiries that have been made.

SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

PROPOSED GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND
SECURITY

The house resumed, from March 20, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mackenzie King to approve a resolution to send representatives to a conference of the united nations at San Francisco to prepare a charter for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in rising to take part in this very important debate, and having given some study to the Prime Minister's address of yesterday, I should like at the outset to deal with certain points which were raised by him. His reference to the meeting