

Mr. SPEAKER: I am sorry, but I must refuse the hon. member permission. I have cited the two authorities, the rulings by Hon. Mr. Black and Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no appeal.

Mr. COLDWELL: Mr. Speaker, are we to understand that this house is not in control of its own rules, that we are bound by one Speaker for the next? I think this is wrong.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I say one word in regard to my understanding of the Speaker's decision in this matter? As has been pointed out, the rule requires that His Honour the Speaker be given notice of the motion in advance. That is to enable His Honour to ascertain whether the matter is one which in his opinion should be discussed at this time in the manner indicated, namely by a motion to adjourn the house. In order to reach a decision on that matter Mr. Speaker asks himself whether there are other opportunities for hon. gentlemen to discuss this matter at this time; and His Honour has stated to the house that the debate on the budget which is proceeding at the present time affords hon. members opportunity to discuss the question and that therefore there is no reason for adjourning the house at this time to permit of its being discussed as a matter of urgent public importance. Those are the facts; that is the sequence of the procedure. The rule which says there is no appeal in the matter follows logically because of the discretion given His Honour the Speaker in the first instance to say whether or not the house has an opportunity to discuss the matter apart from the motion to adjourn. The Speaker has decided that this opportunity is afforded in the debate on the budget which is now in progress.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): As the humble creator of this difficulty may I say just one word; and I speak with the greatest respect and deference to you, Mr. Speaker. I think you have gone astray. Surely the whole point of this rule is to give precedence to the matter because of its urgency. That is the basis of the right to move the adjournment of the house under standing order 31. As for the budget debate, no doubt someone adjourned it when we last met, and no doubt others are ready to proceed with it; but I think it is on the basis of that urgency that all such motions must be entertained by this house.

Mr. SPEAKER: Questions.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

SUBSIDIES ON SOY BEANS

Mr. WHITE (Middlesex East):

What was the amount of subsidies paid on soy beans in each of the years 1941-1945 inclusive?

Mr. MAYHEW:

(a) Domestic subsidies

Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation Limited has paid the following amounts by way of domestic subsidy on soy beans during the periods listed below:—

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| April 1, 1941 to March 31, 1942... | nil          |
| April 1, 1942 to March 31, 1943... | nil          |
| April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944... | nil          |
| April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945... | nil          |
| April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946... | \$116,902 36 |
| April 1, 1946 to May 31, 1946....  | 9,936 73     |

Total ..... \$126,839 09

(b) Import subsidies

Import subsidies paid by Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation Limited, are broken down according to the tariff item under which the goods in question enter Canada. The main tariff items under which soy beans are classified are:

Tariff Item 47—"Beans, n.o.p.," and

Tariff Item 663c—"Soy beans, soy bean oil cake, and soy bean oil meal, when imported for use as animal or poultry feeds or as fertilizer; or when imported for use in the manufacture of animal or poultry feeds or fertilizers".

Subsidies paid against these tariff items during the periods listed below have amounted to:

Tariff Item 47

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| April 1, 1942 to March 31, 1943. | \$ 8,296 15 |
| April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944. | 26,453 72   |
| April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945. | nil         |
| April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946. | nil         |
| April 1, 1946 to May 31, 1946..  | 410,329 85  |

Total ..... \$445,079 72

Tariff Item 663c

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| April 1, 1942 to March 31, 1943 | \$ 198 89  |
| April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944 | 62,589 30  |
| April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945 | 171,571 50 |
| April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946 | 42,978 36  |
| April 1, 1946 to May 31, 1946.. | 55,954 00  |

\$333,292 05

Accountable advances..... 506,113 62\*

Total ..... \$839,405 67